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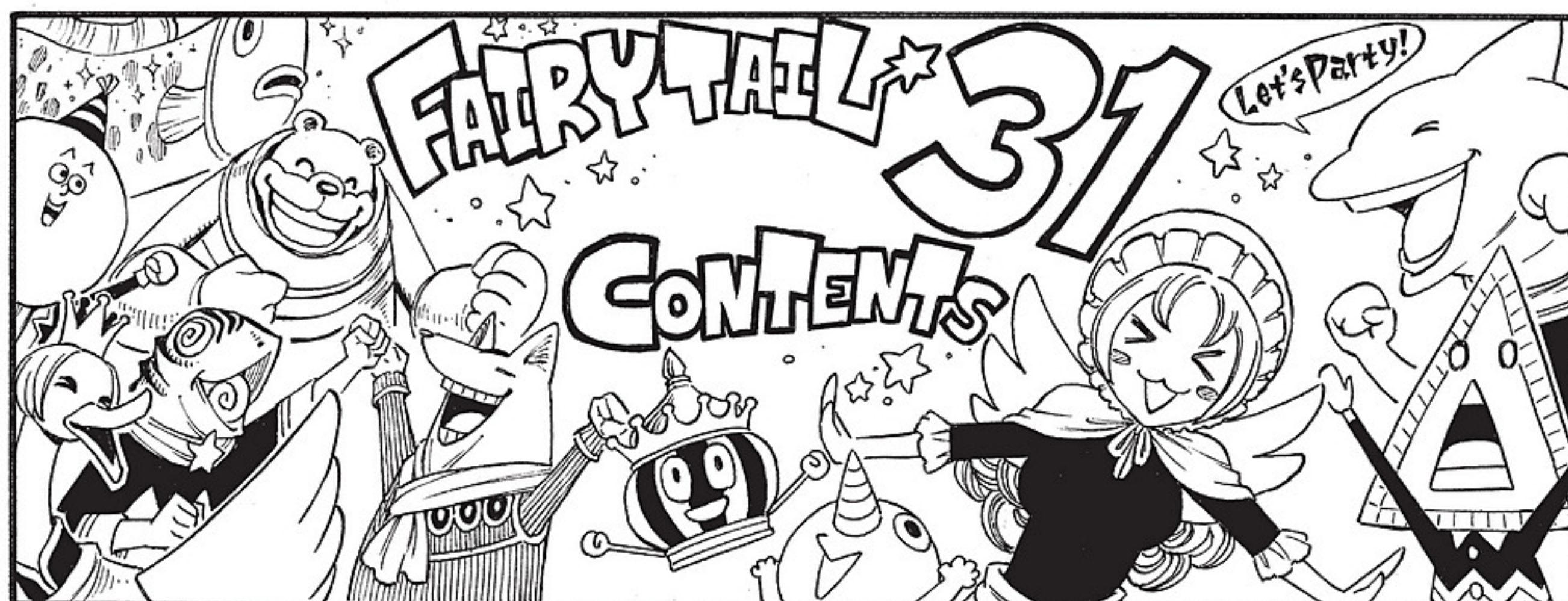
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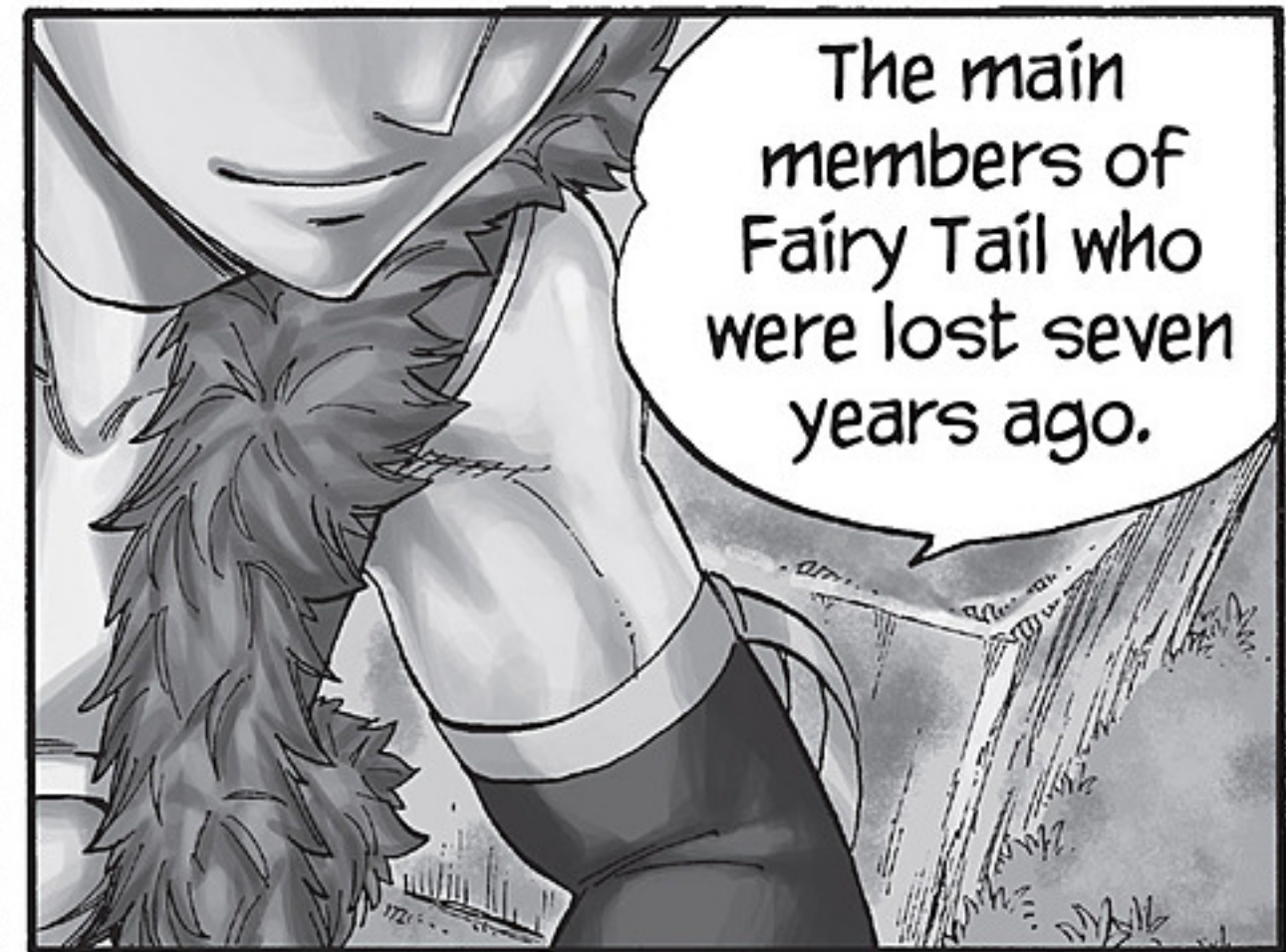
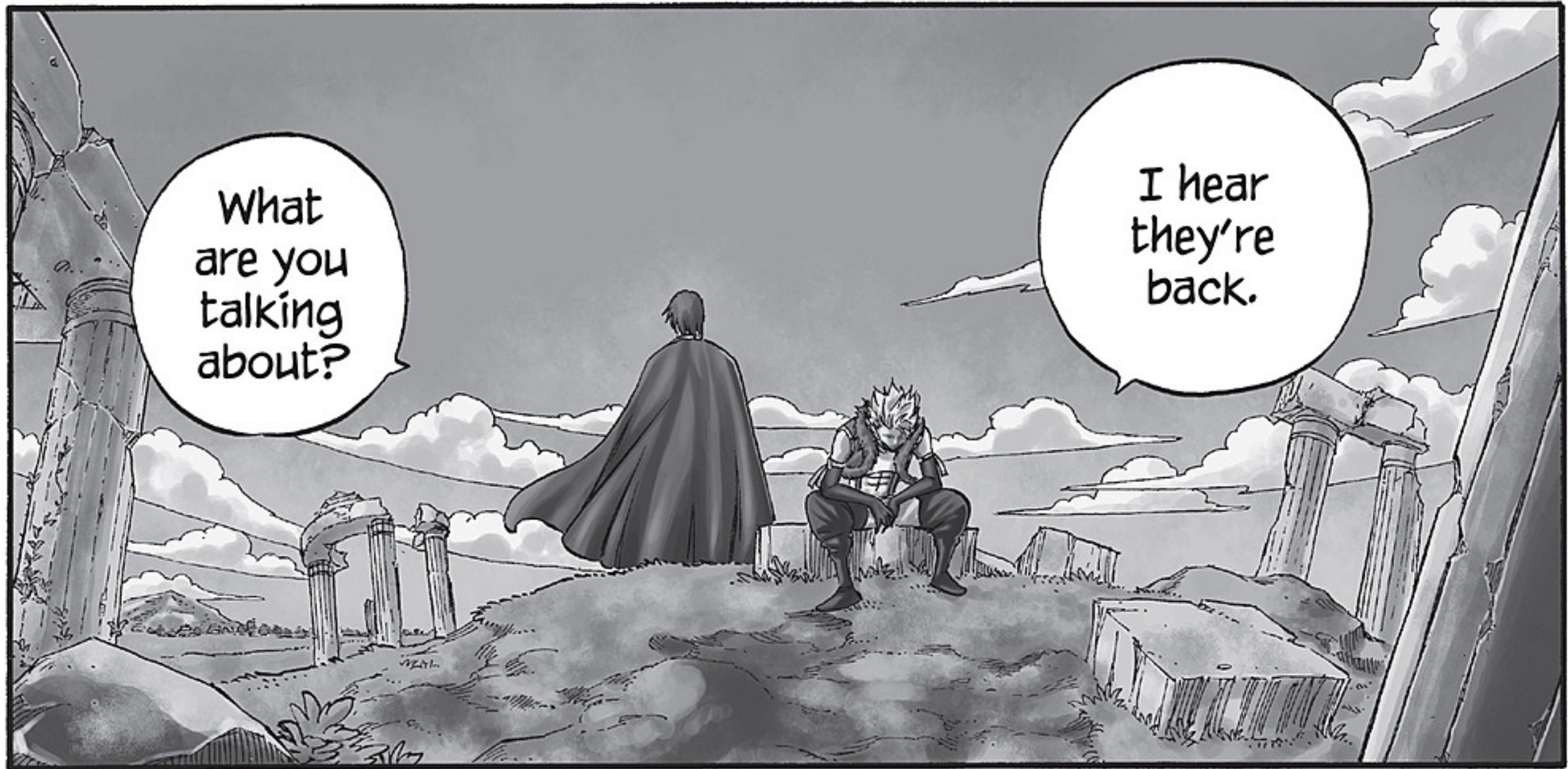
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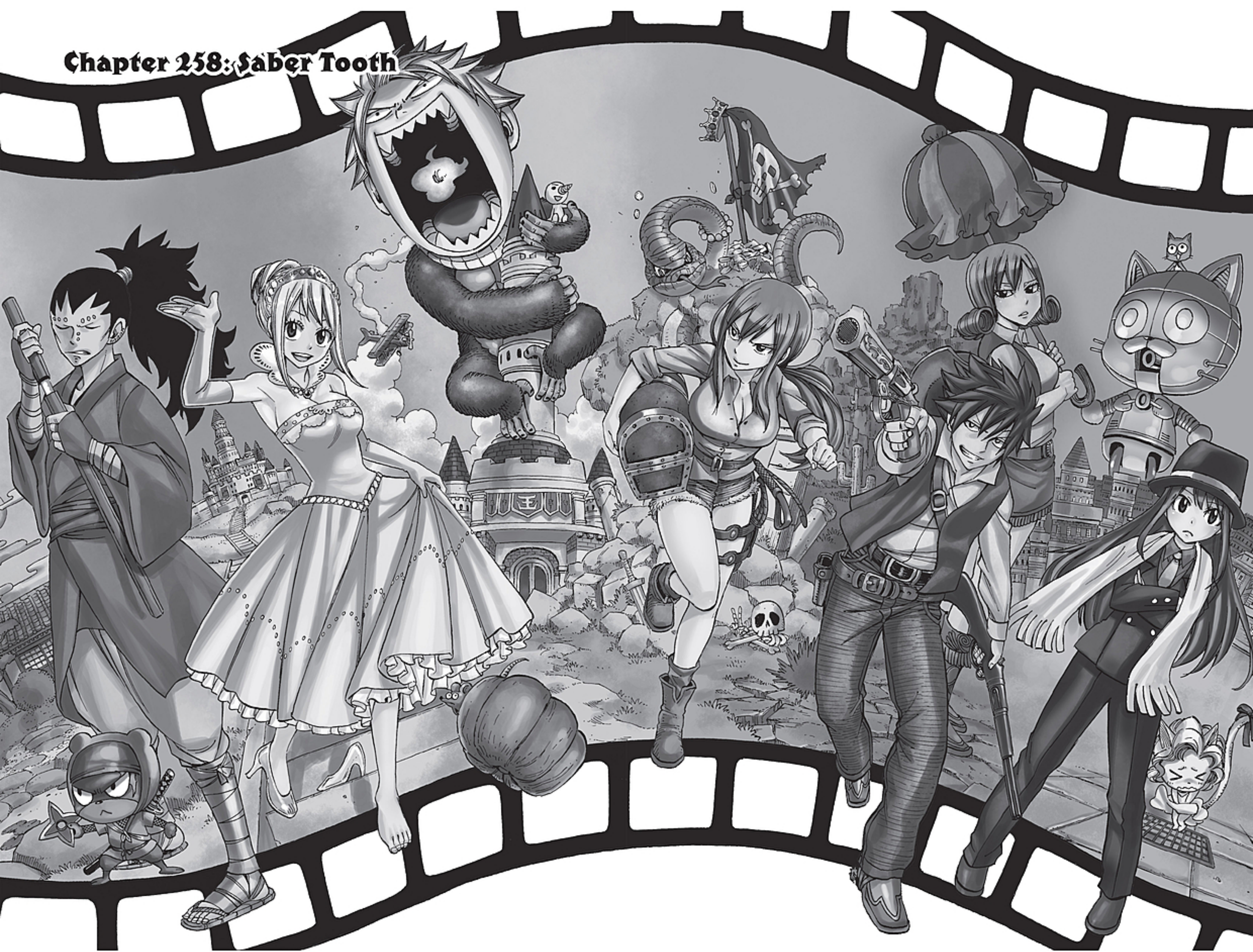
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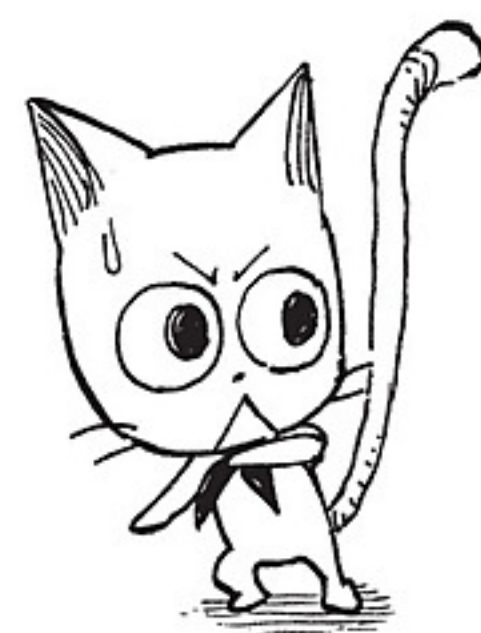
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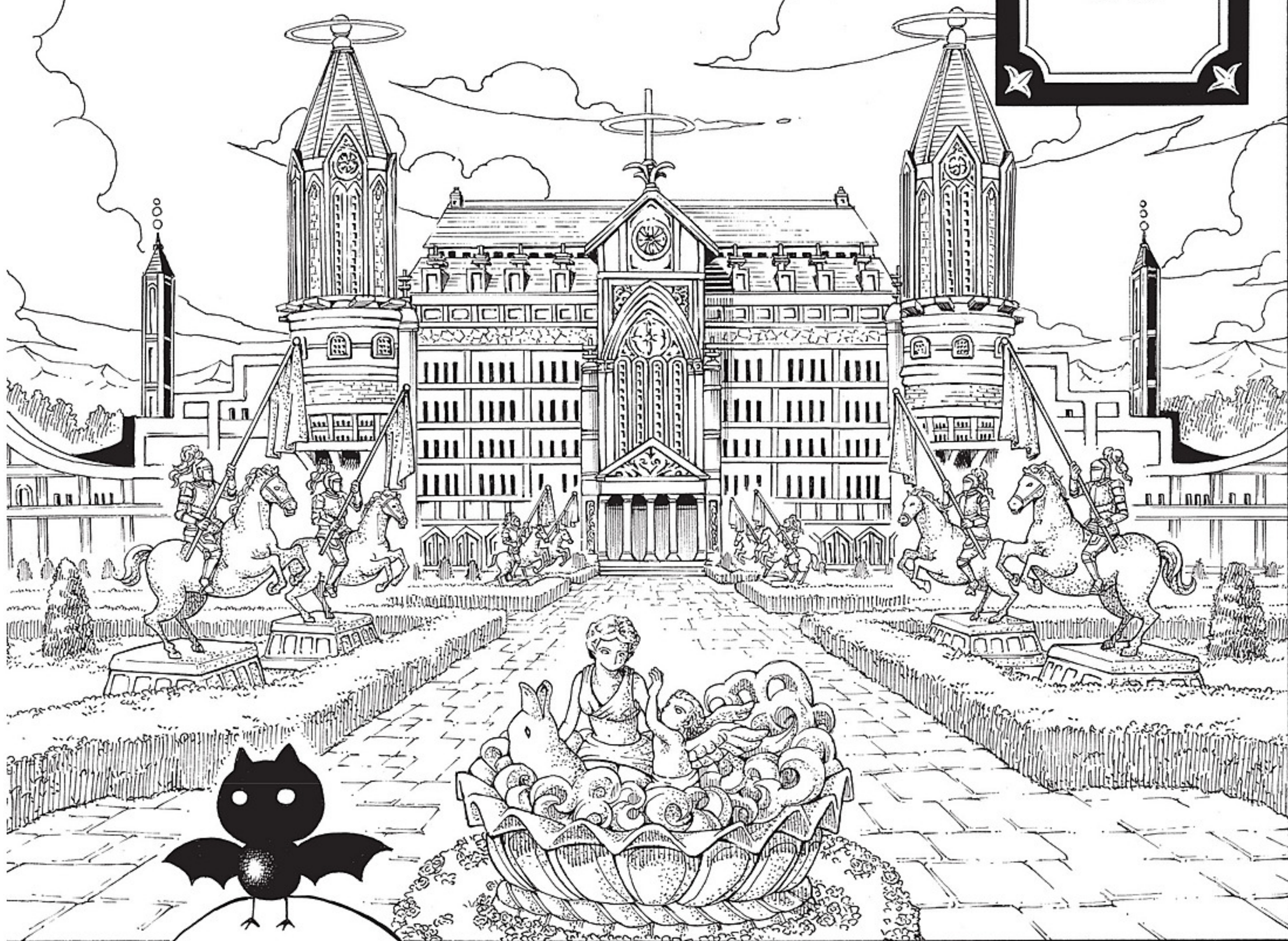
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The
Magic
Council,
Era.



More
importantly,
have you
heard the
news yet?

**MAGIC
COUNCIL
ELDER ORG**

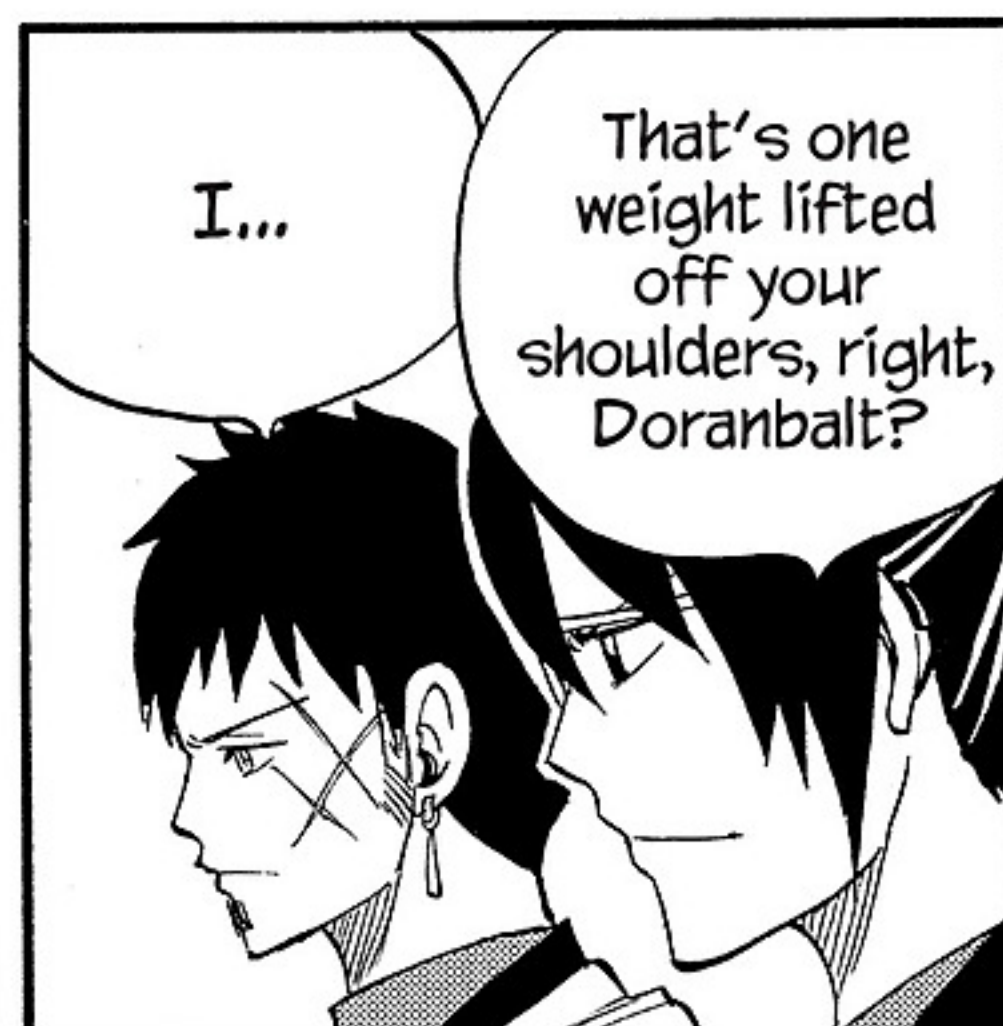
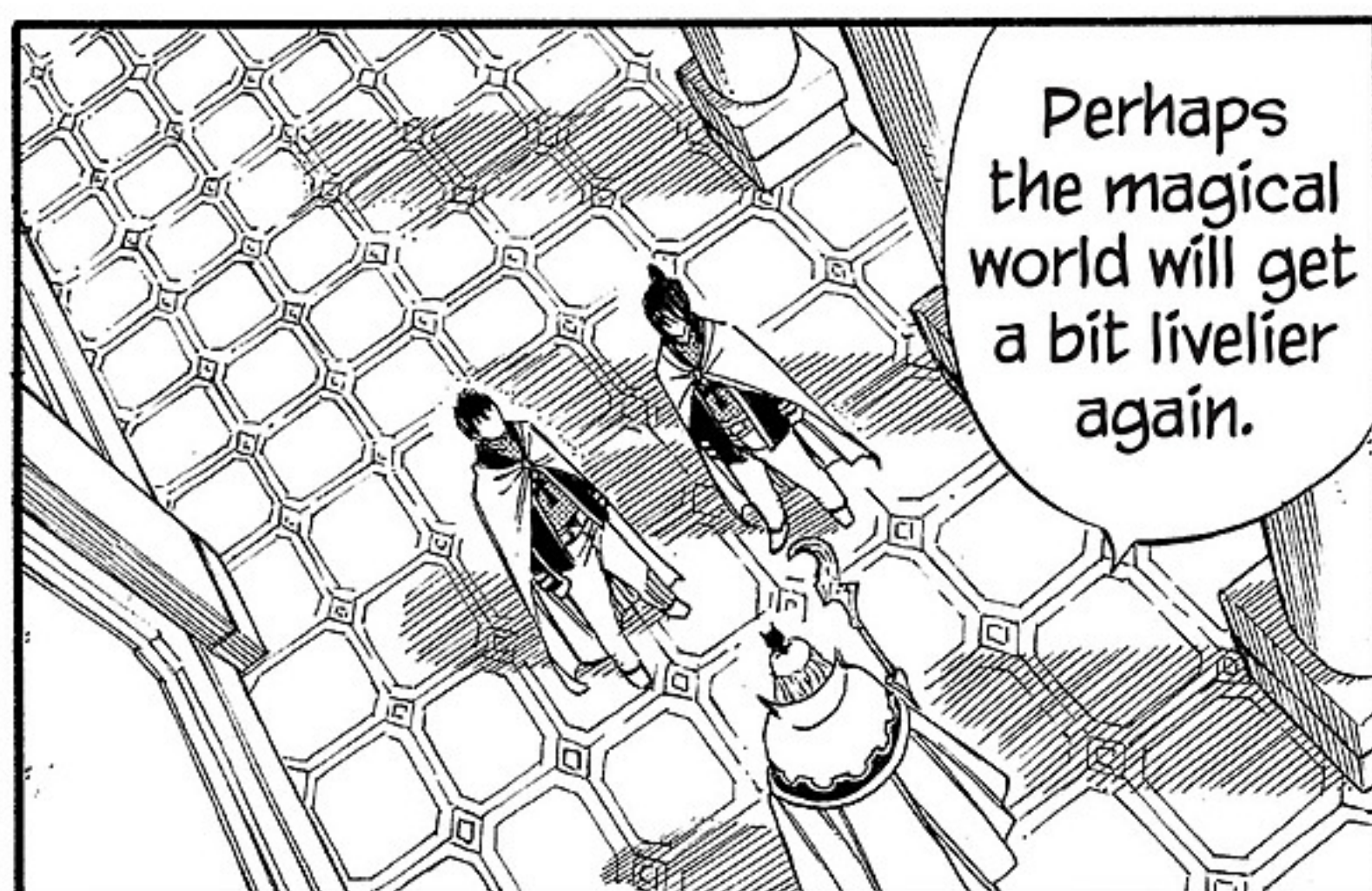
Has the
council come
to a resolution
regarding inter-
guild commerce
regulations?

No...
That will
take some
time.

Mm.

Master Org,
welcome back
from your
meeting.







These seven years have been too quiet.



Forgive me... we still have no idea where they went.

Perhaps we ought to expand the Reconnaissance Corps.



Same for what's left of Grimoire Heart.

None have any information on Zeref or Aenologia.

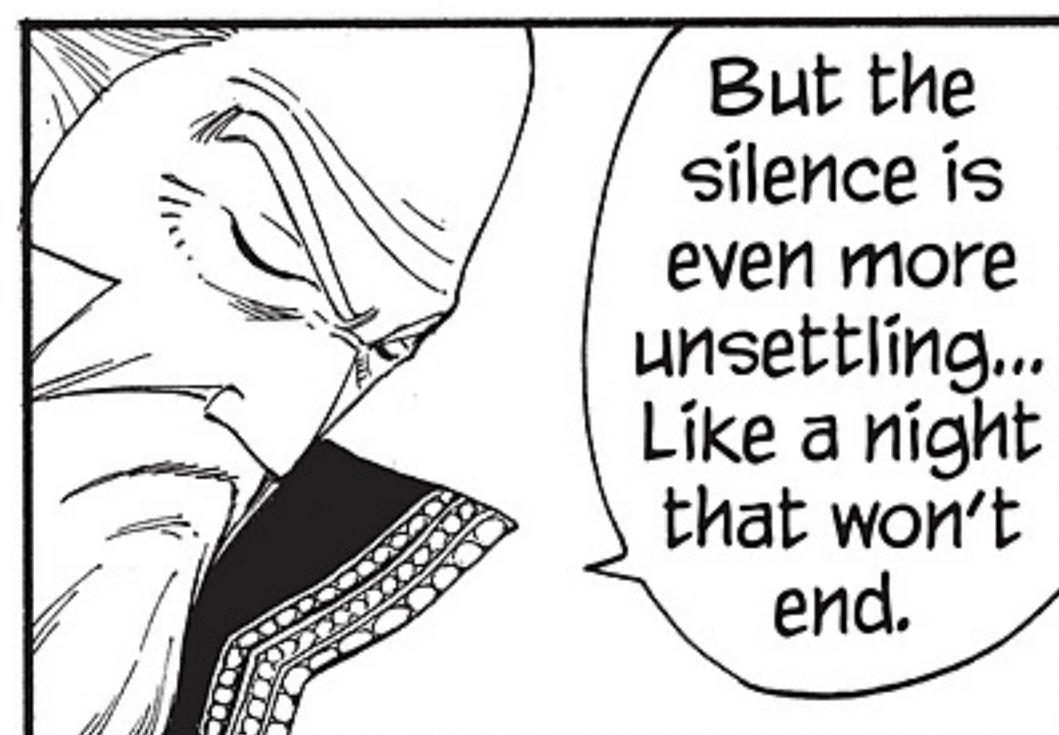
We've been keeping an eye on the progress of Saber Tooth...

...but Tartarus has kept a low profile.



Perhaps it will signal a new dawn for the magical world.

I think it's about time for daybreak.



But the silence is even more unsettling... Like a night that won't end.



...will be Fairy Tail...?

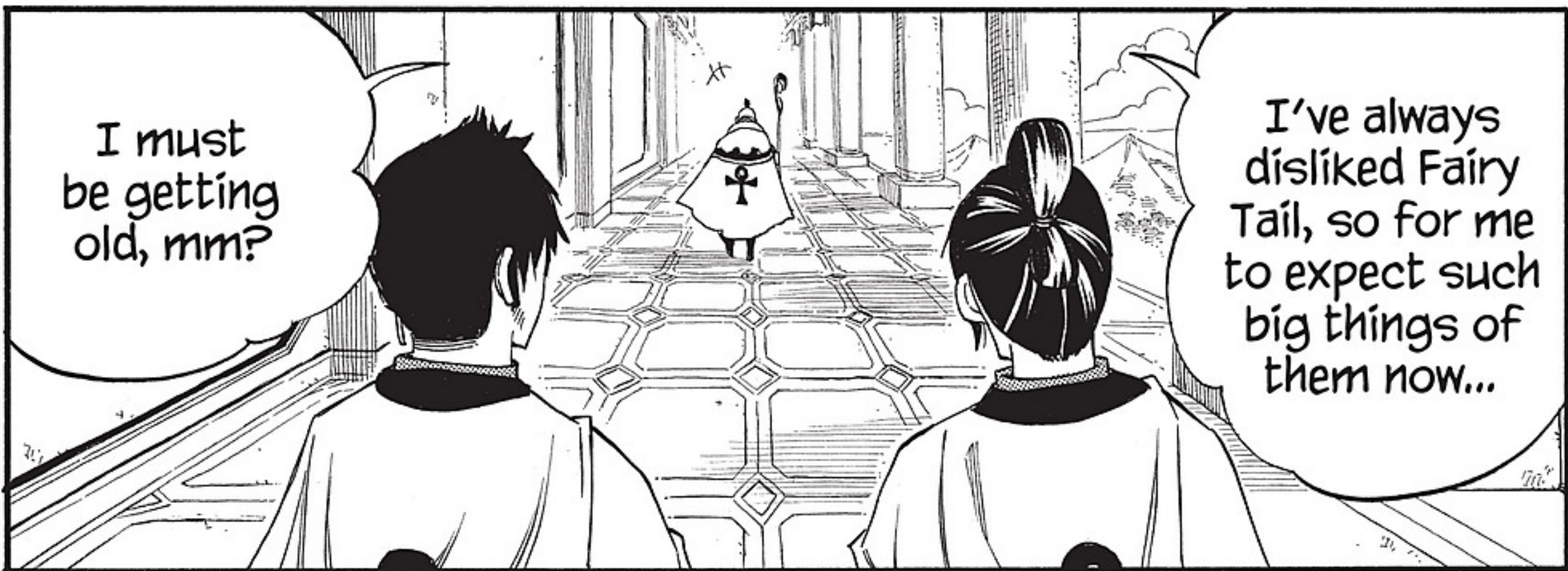
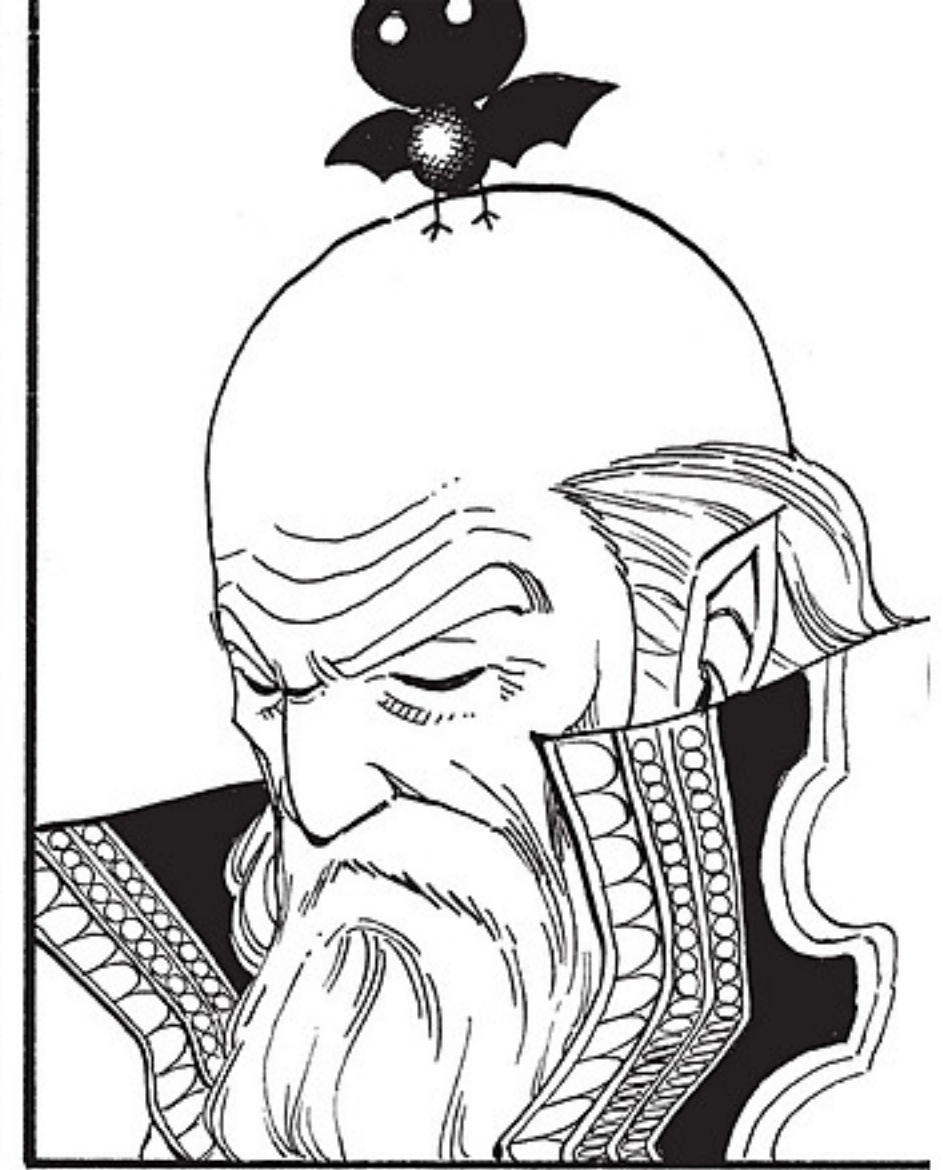
And you're saying the trigger ...



Fwah
ha ha
ha!

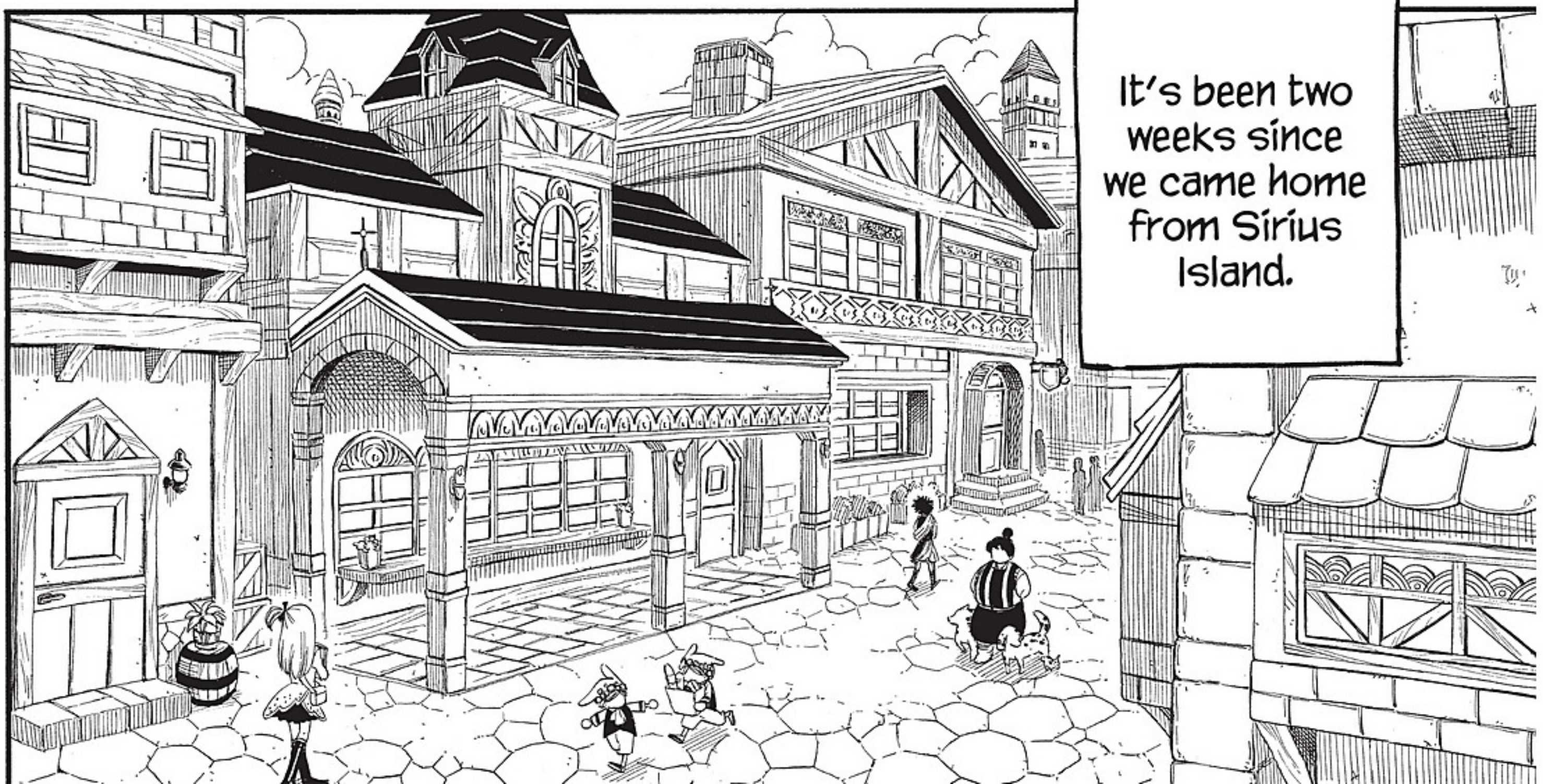
?!

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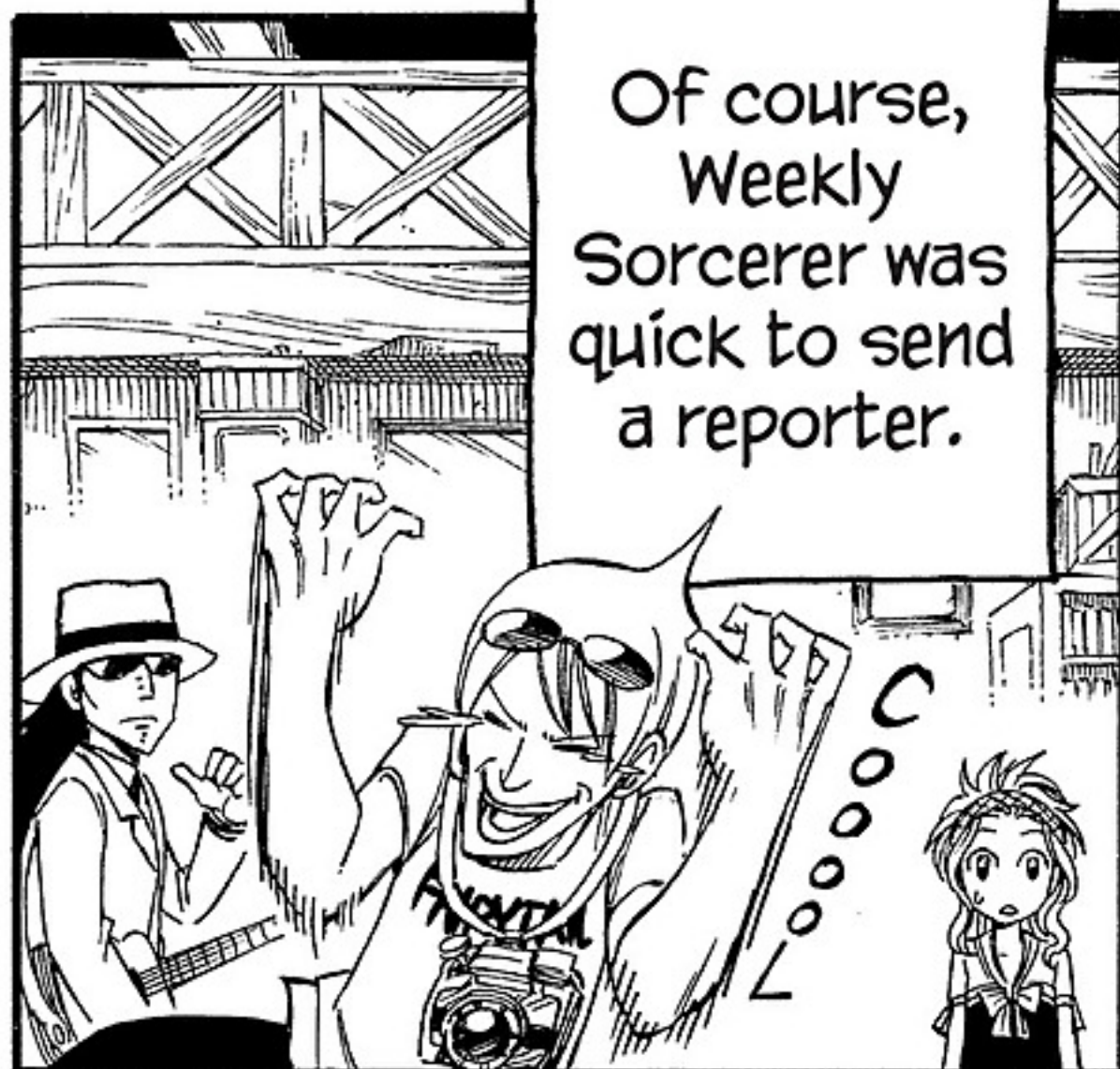


I must
be getting
old, mm?

I've always
disliked Fairy
Tail, so for me
to expect such
big things of
them now...



It's been two
weeks since
we came home
from Sirius
Island.



Of course,
Weekly
Sorcerer was
quick to send
a reporter.



Our
return is
the talk of
the whole
country...

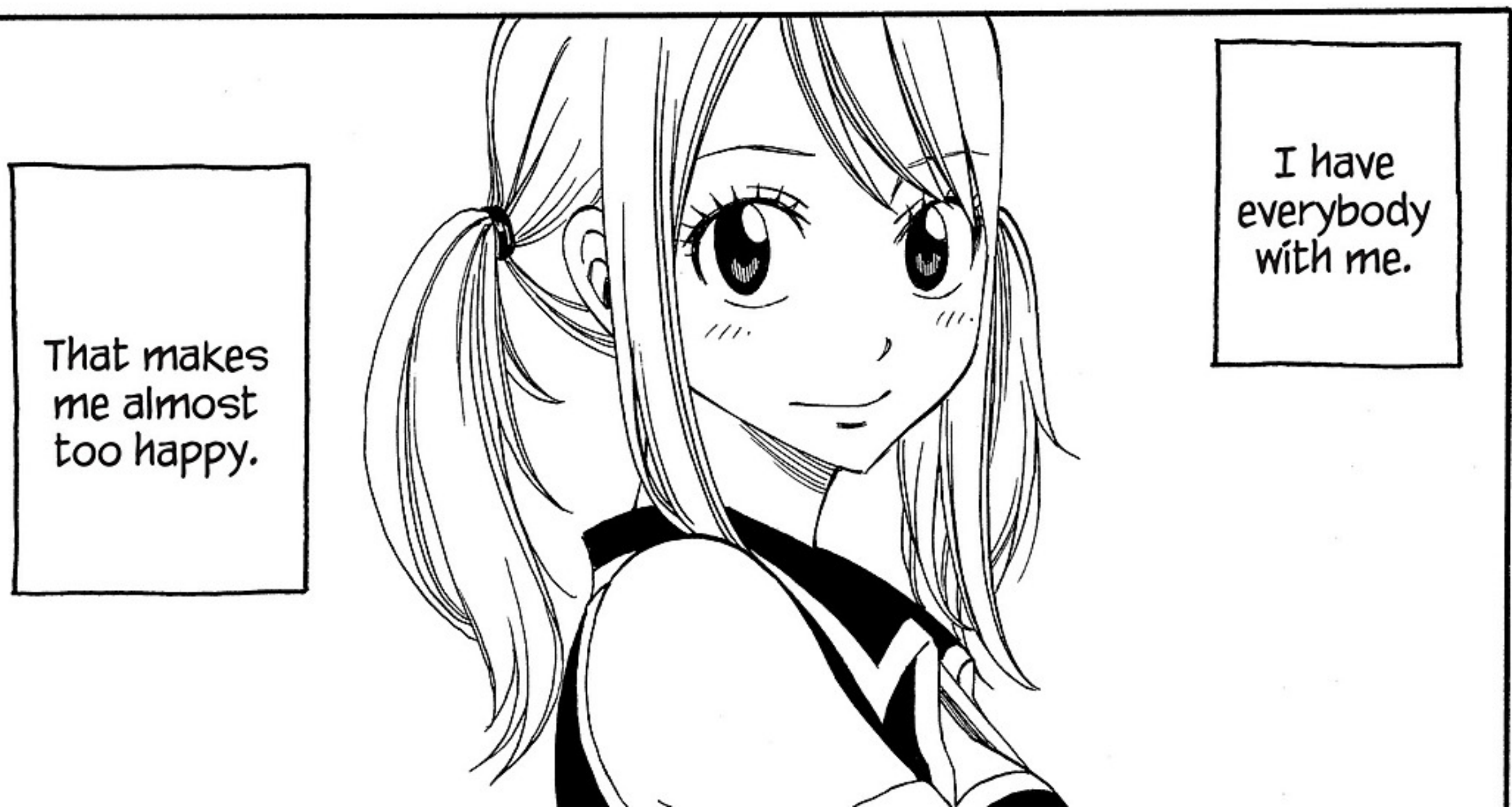
No... the
whole
conti-
nent.



And, little by
little, I'm
recovering
from the
news about
my father.



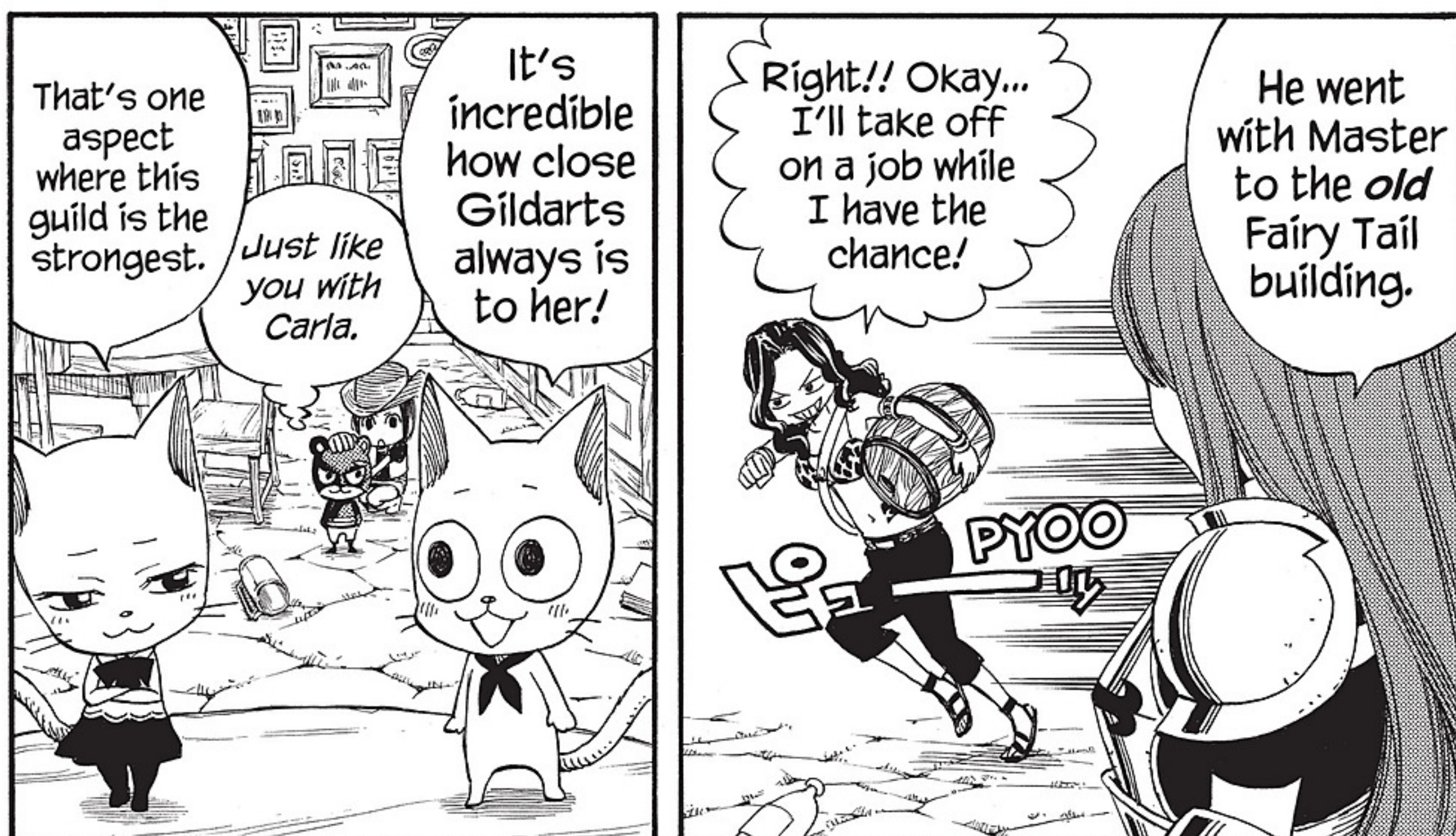
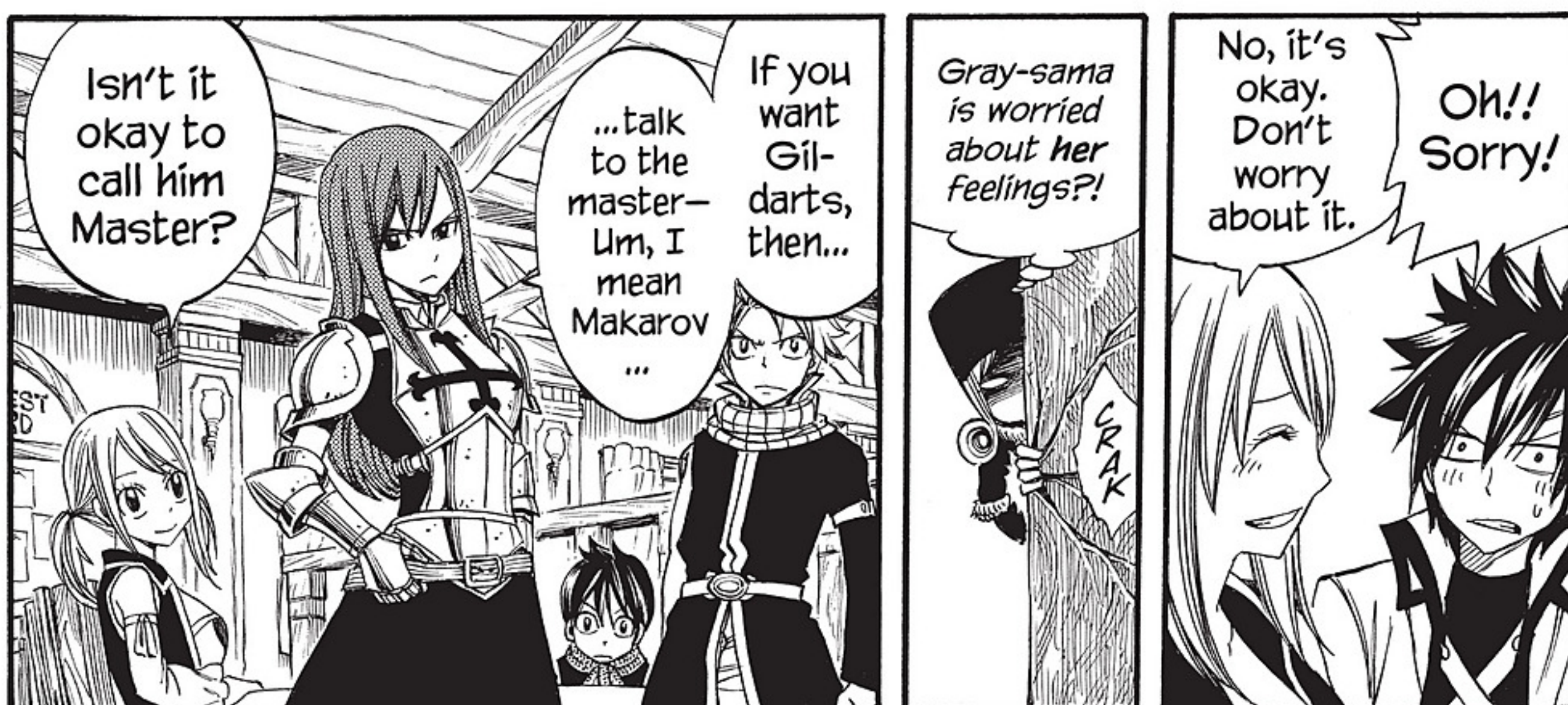
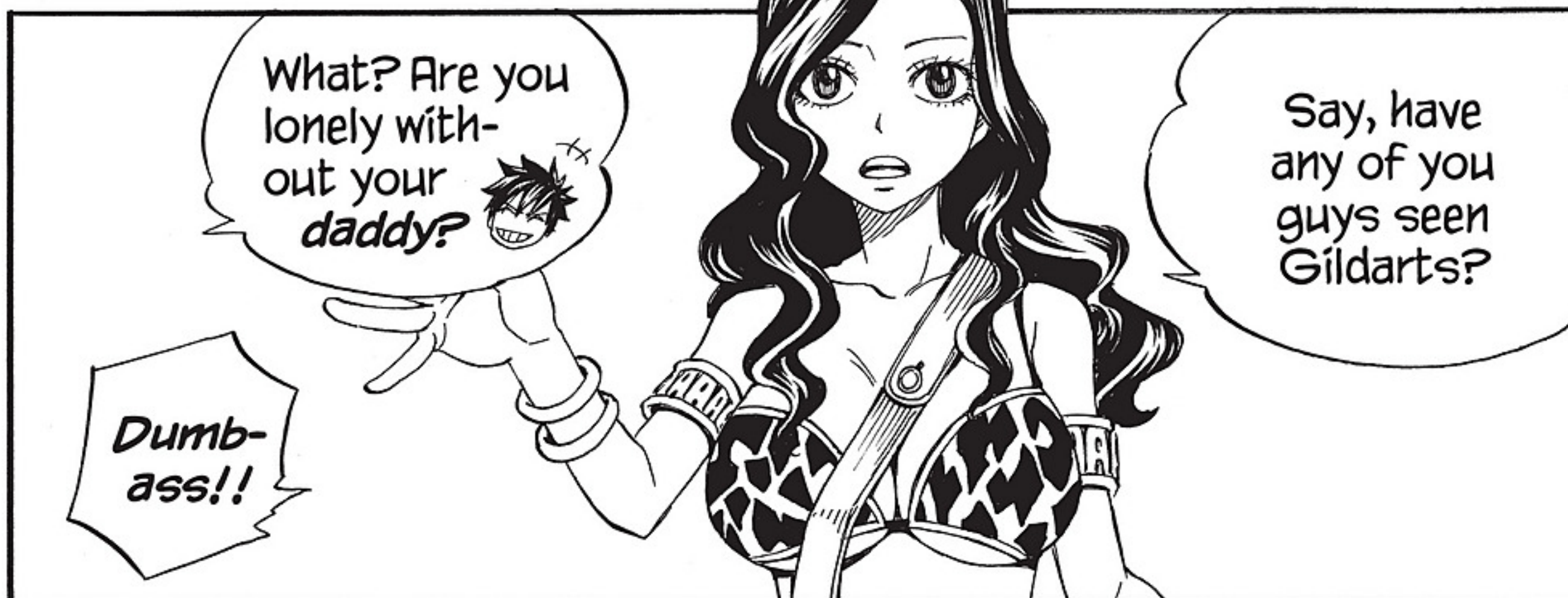
Everyone
treats each
day like a
festival,
making up
for seven
years of
lost time.

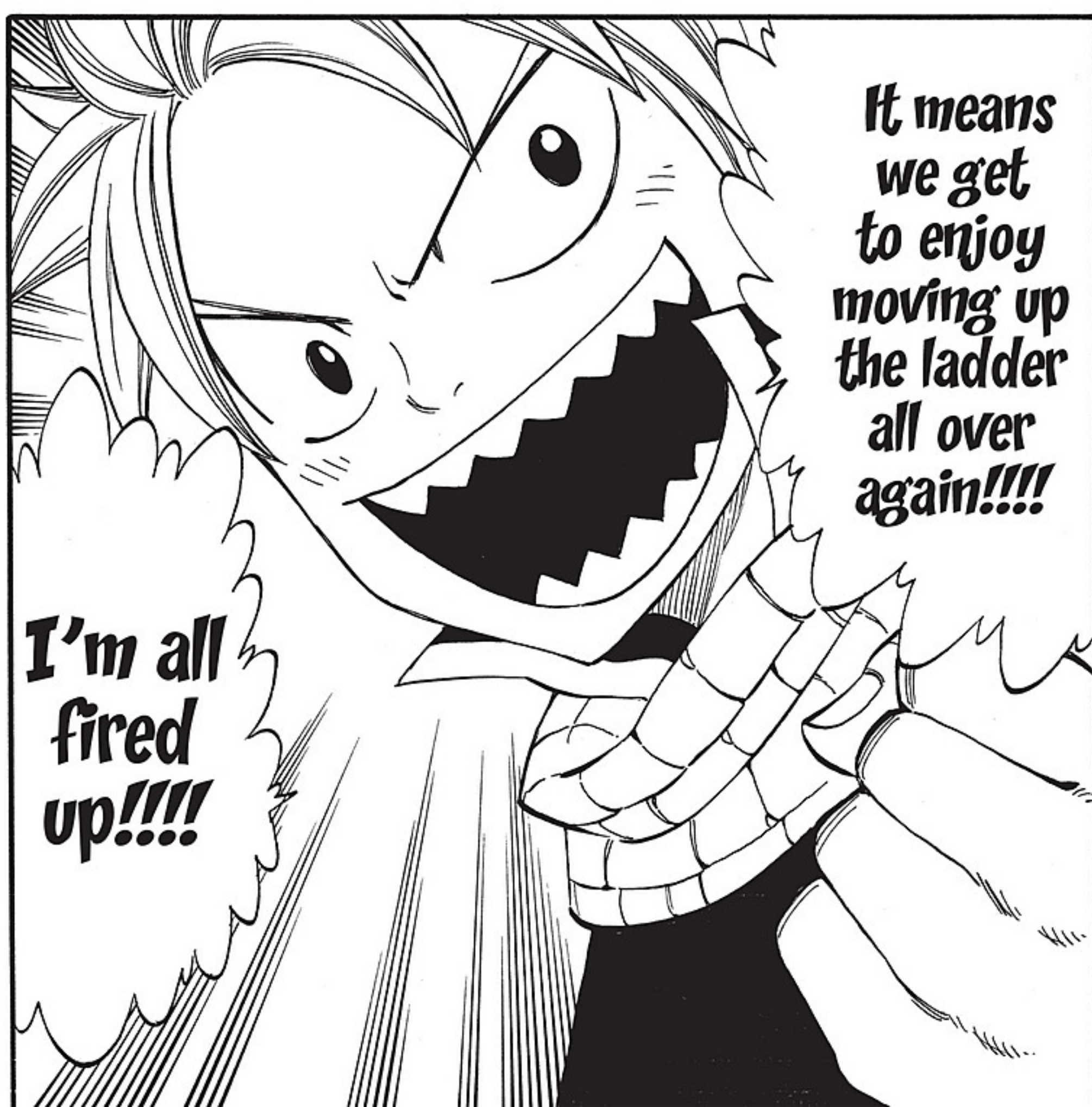


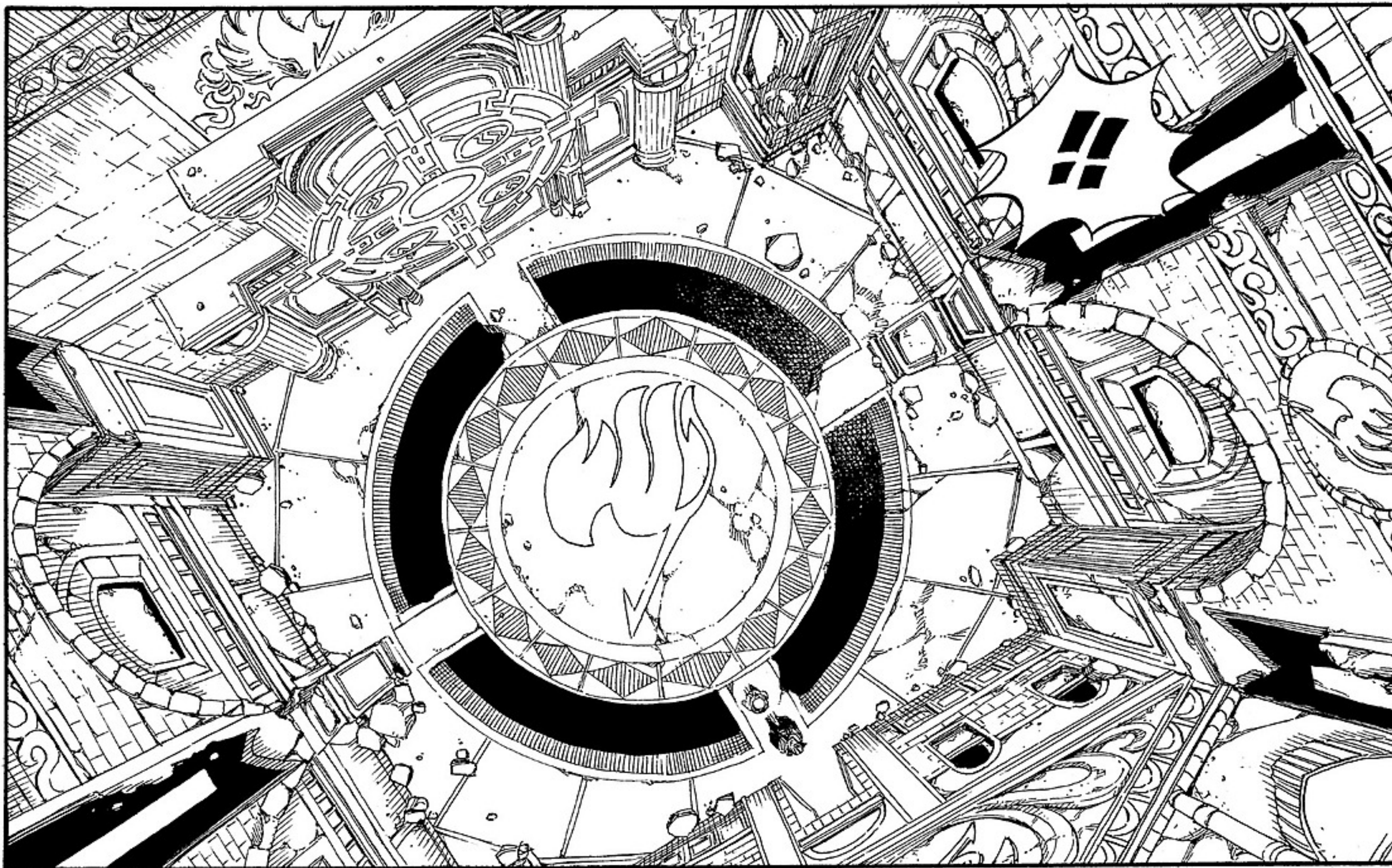
That makes
me almost
too happy.

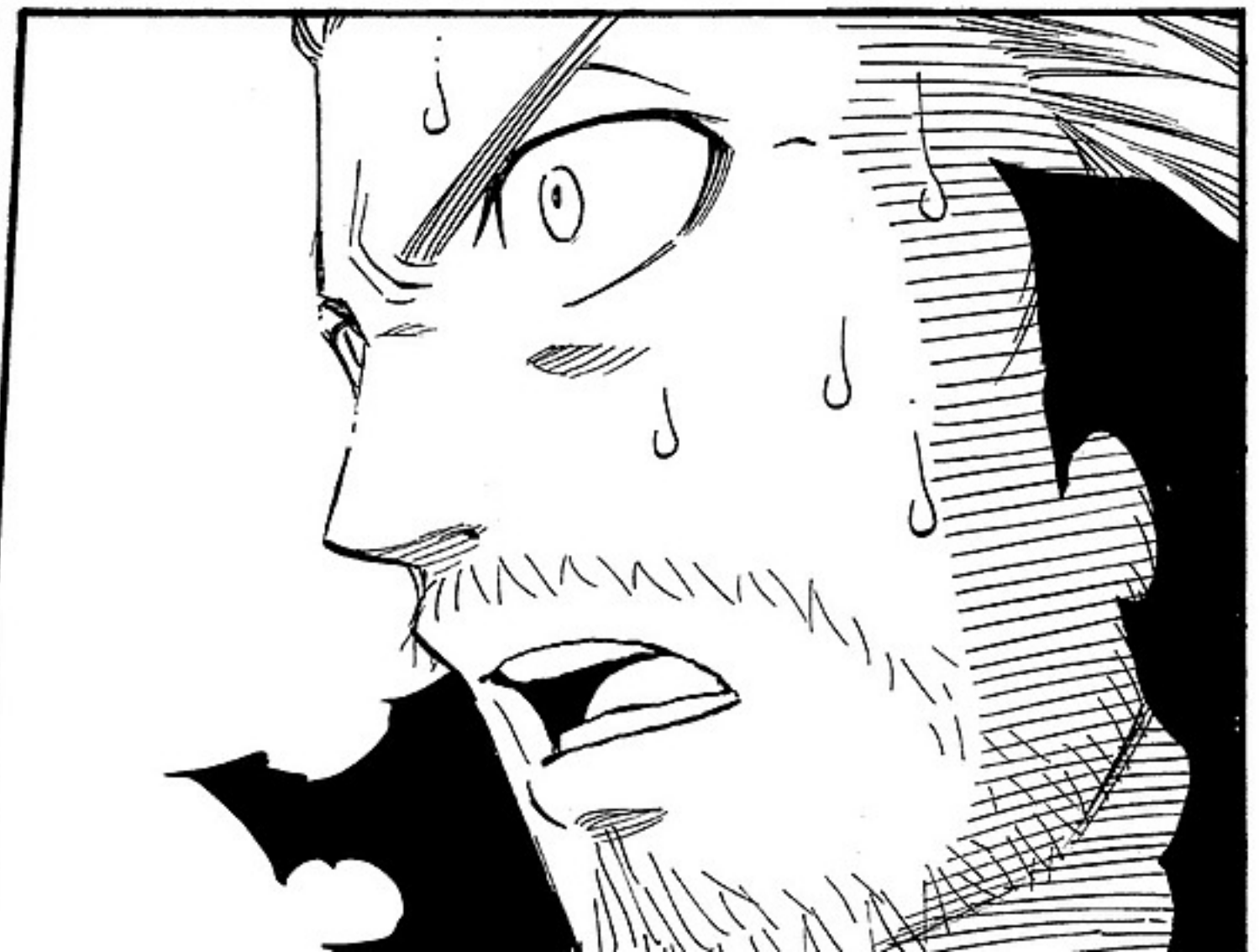
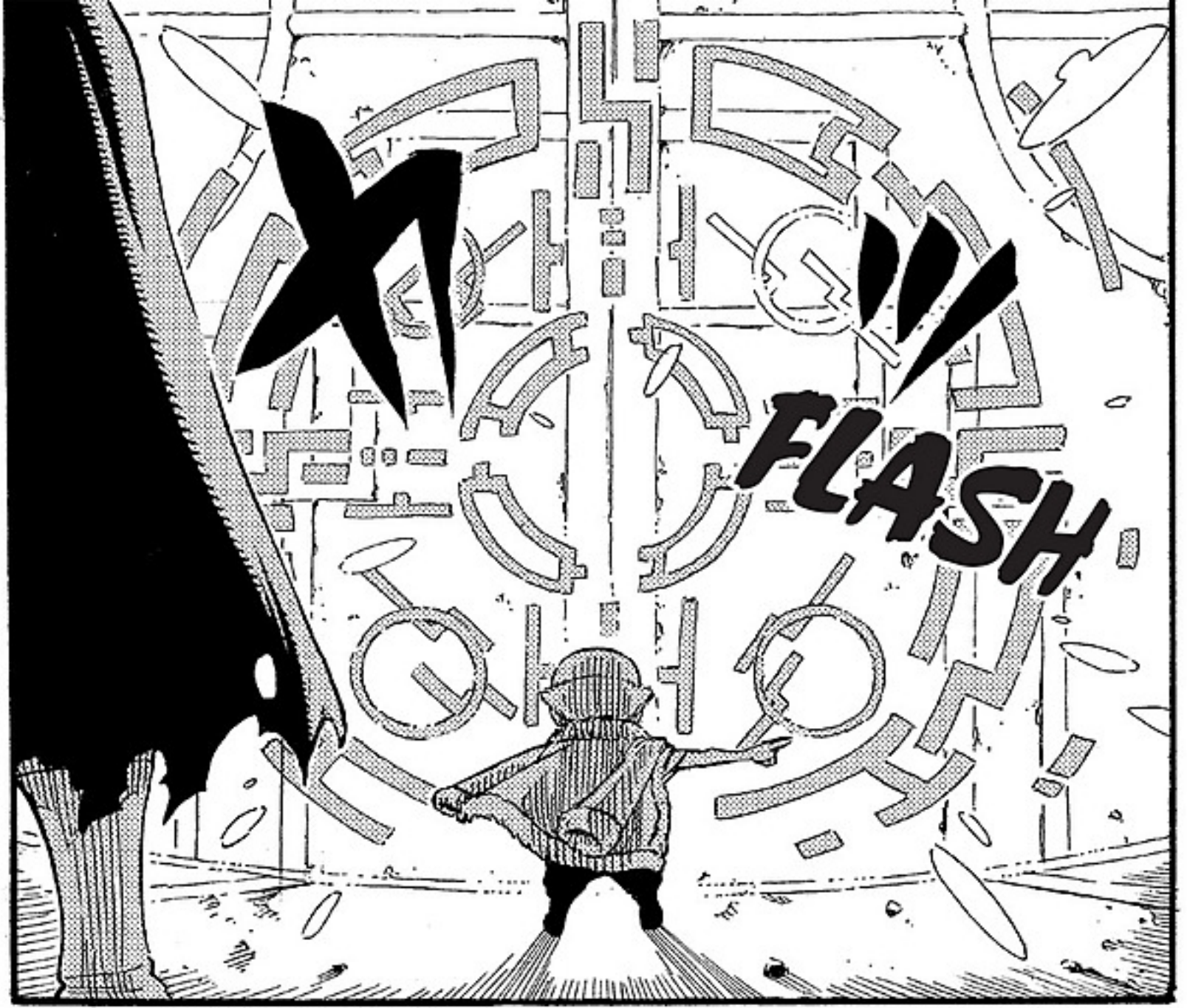
I have
everybody
with me.



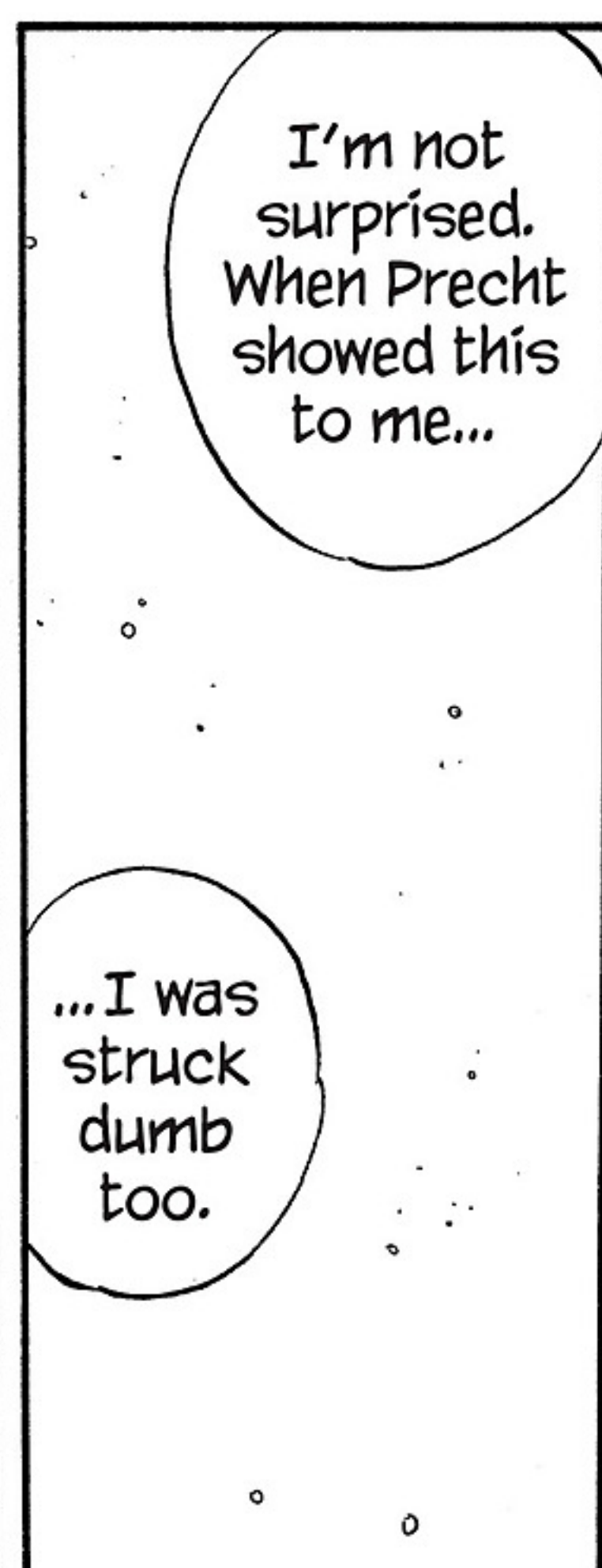
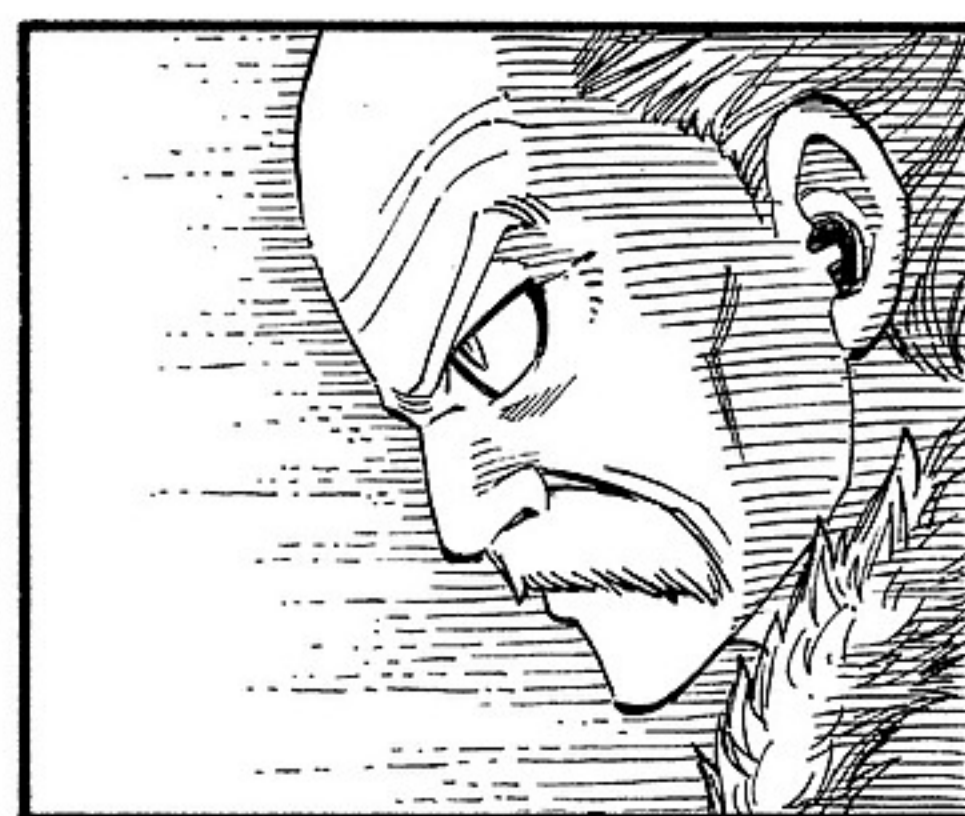
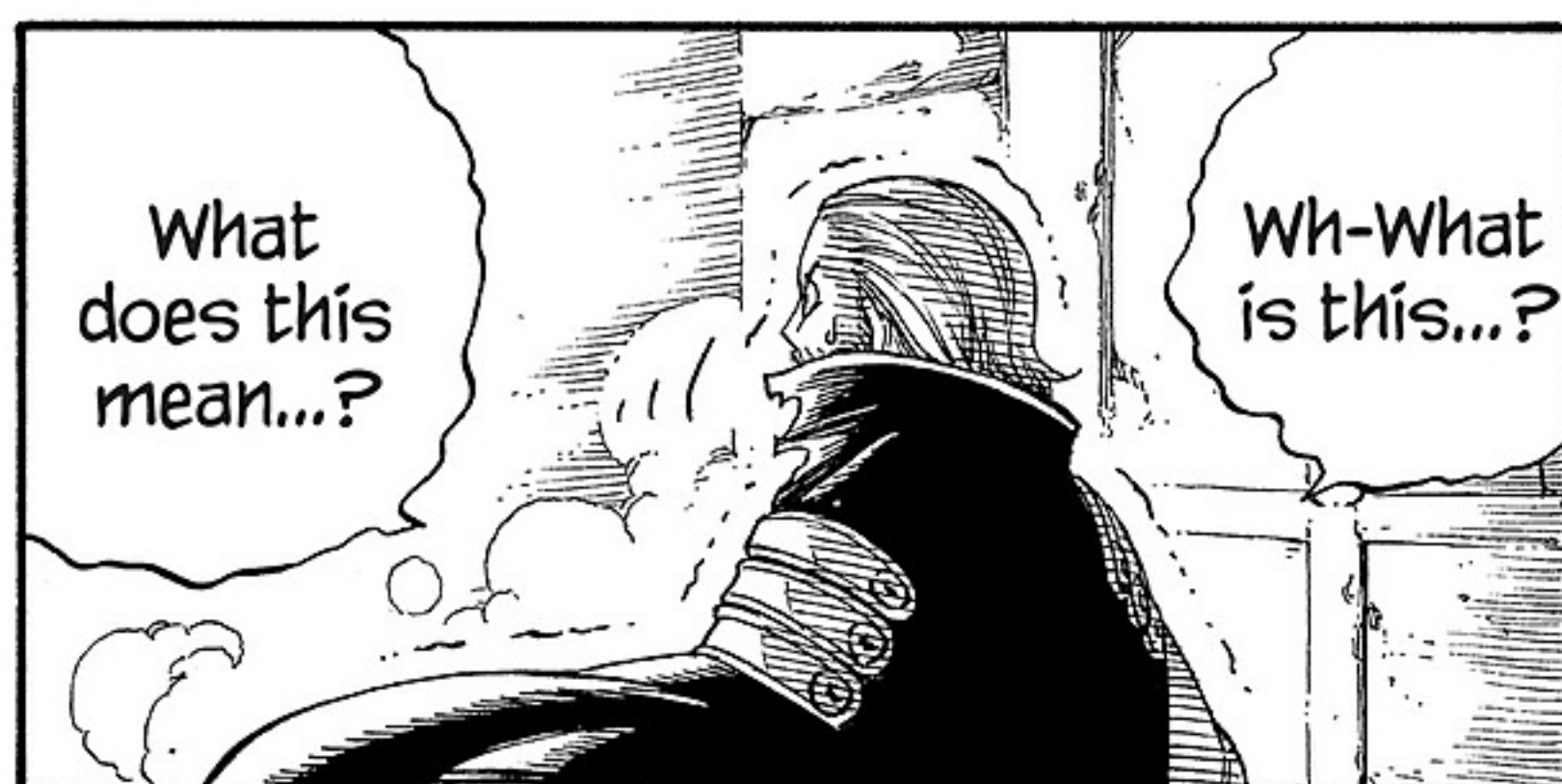






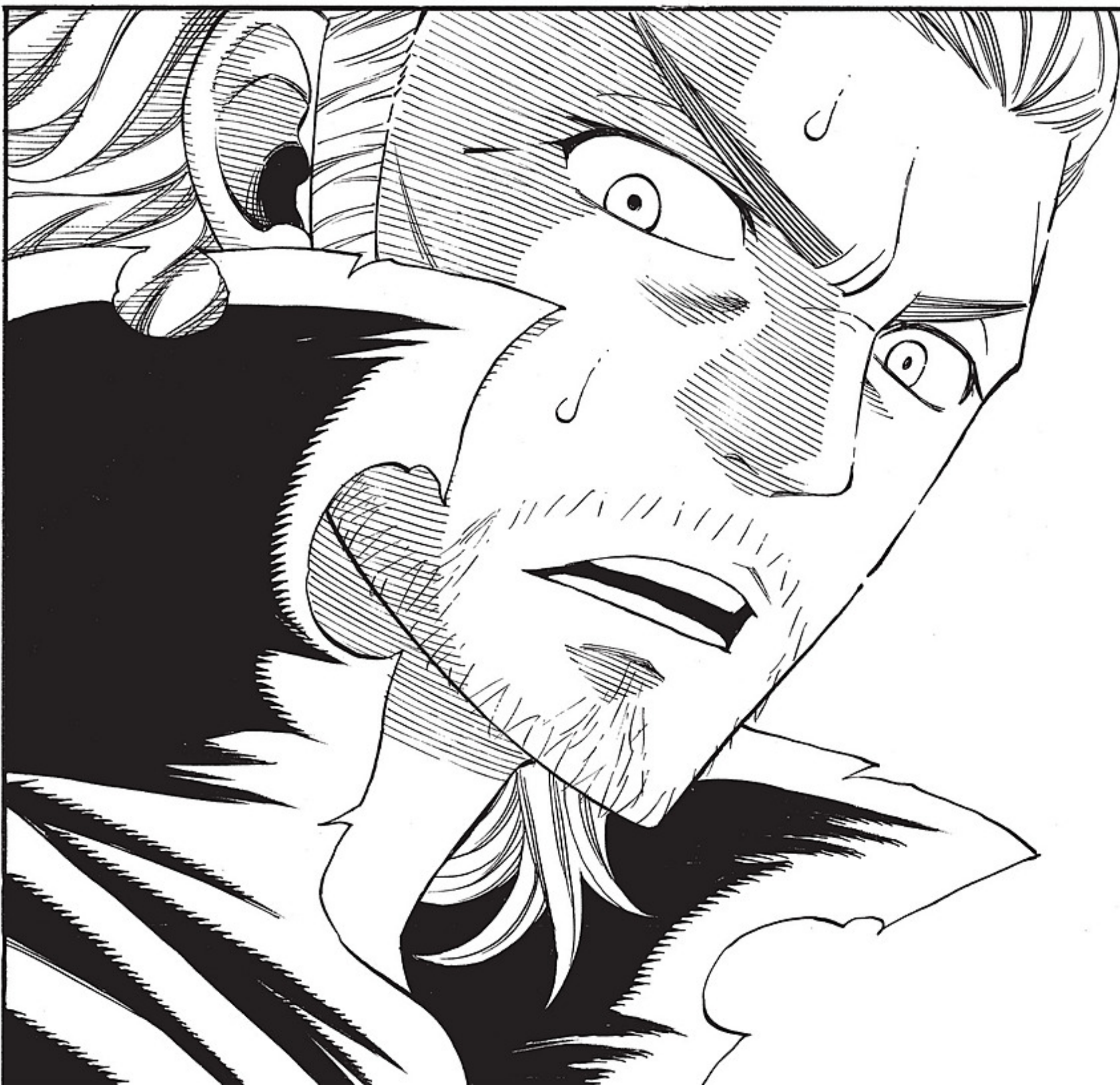


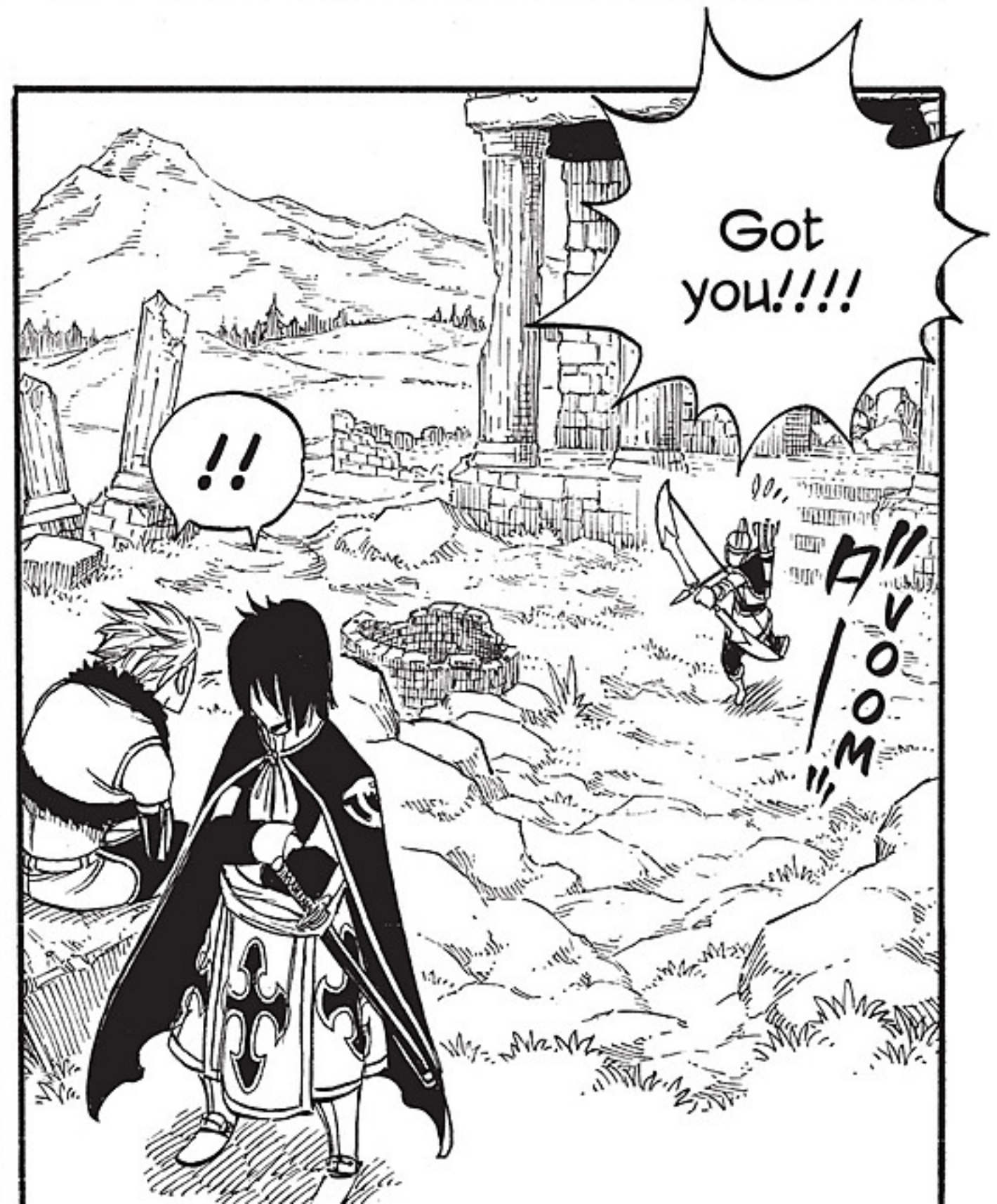
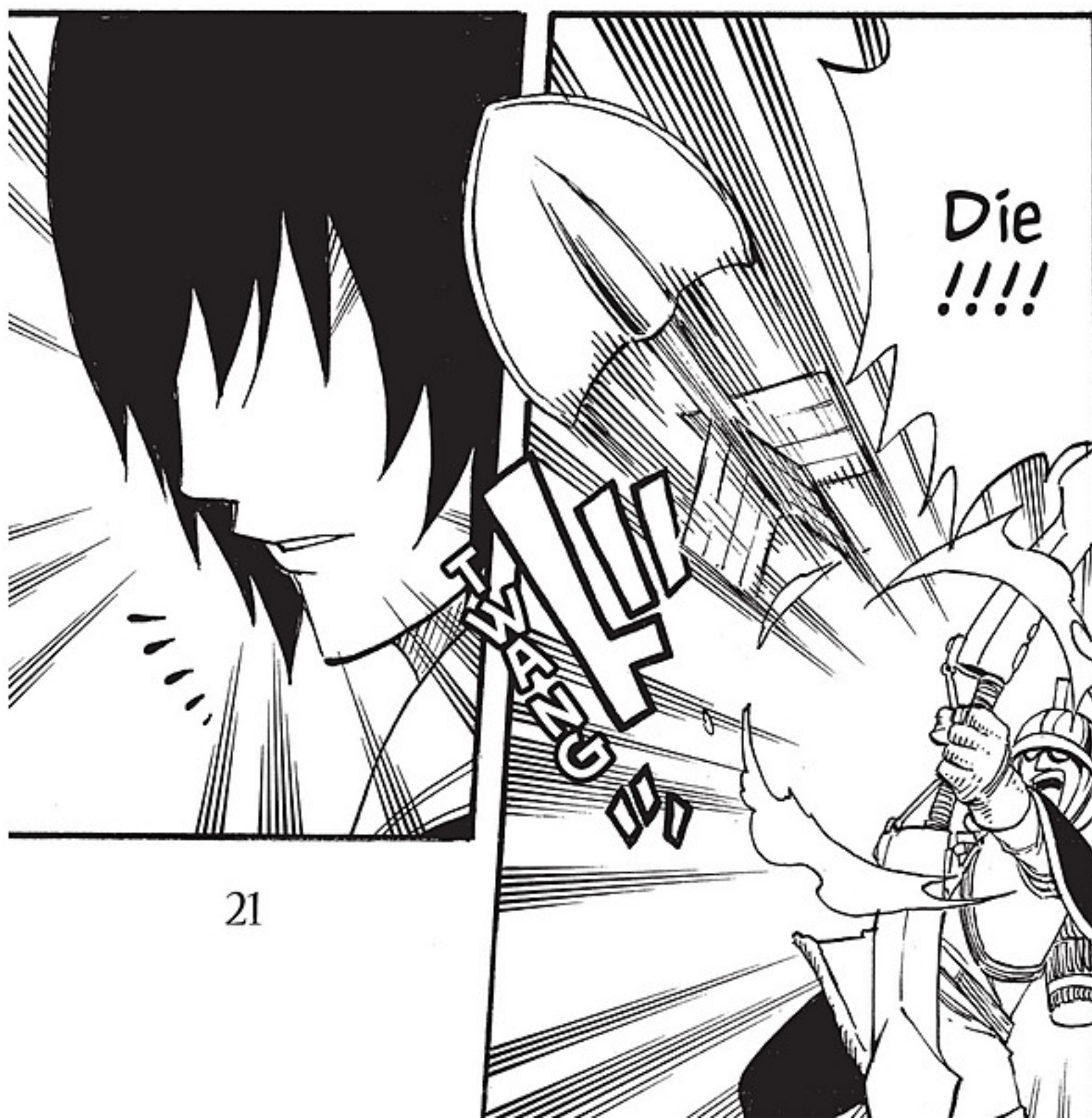
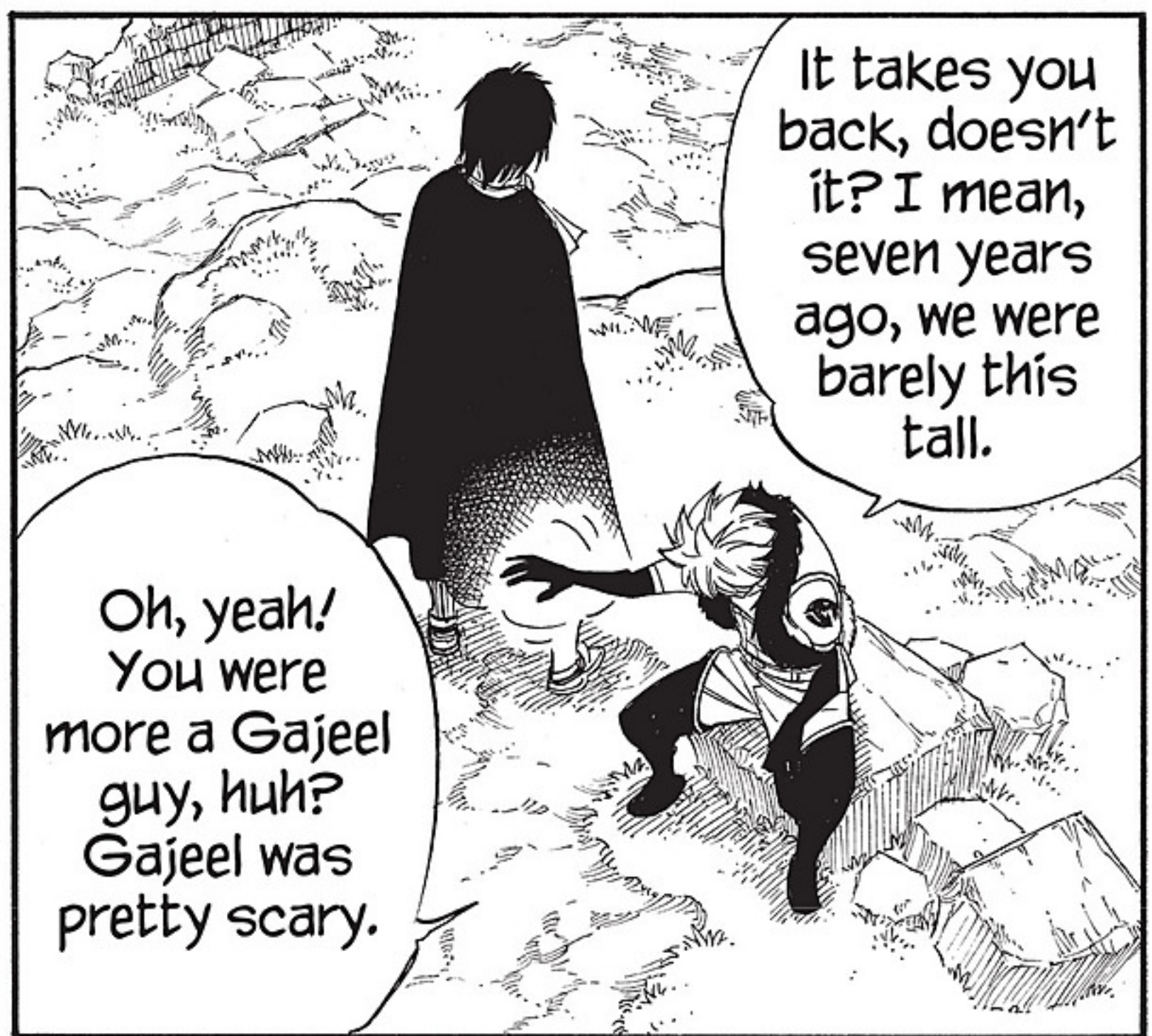
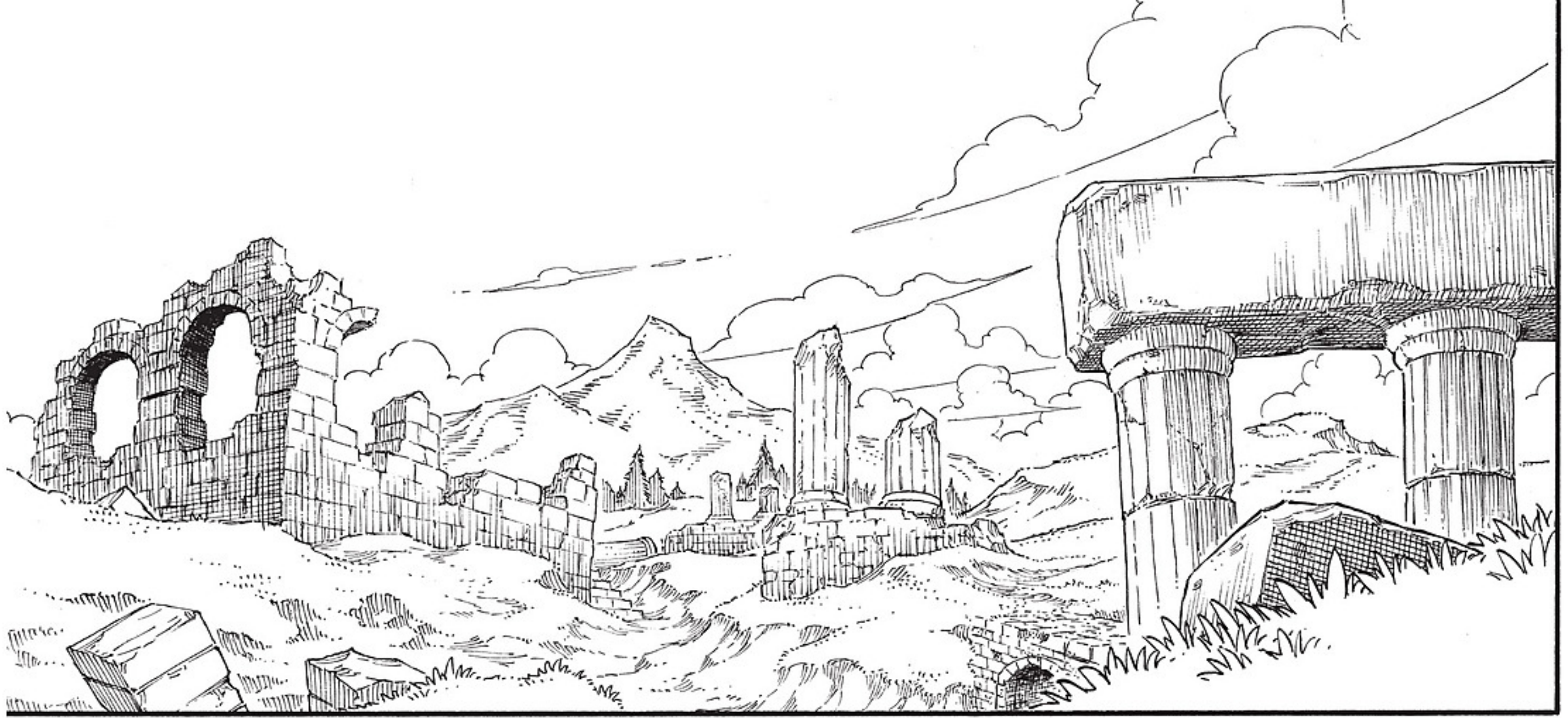
**The
Lumen
Histoire!**

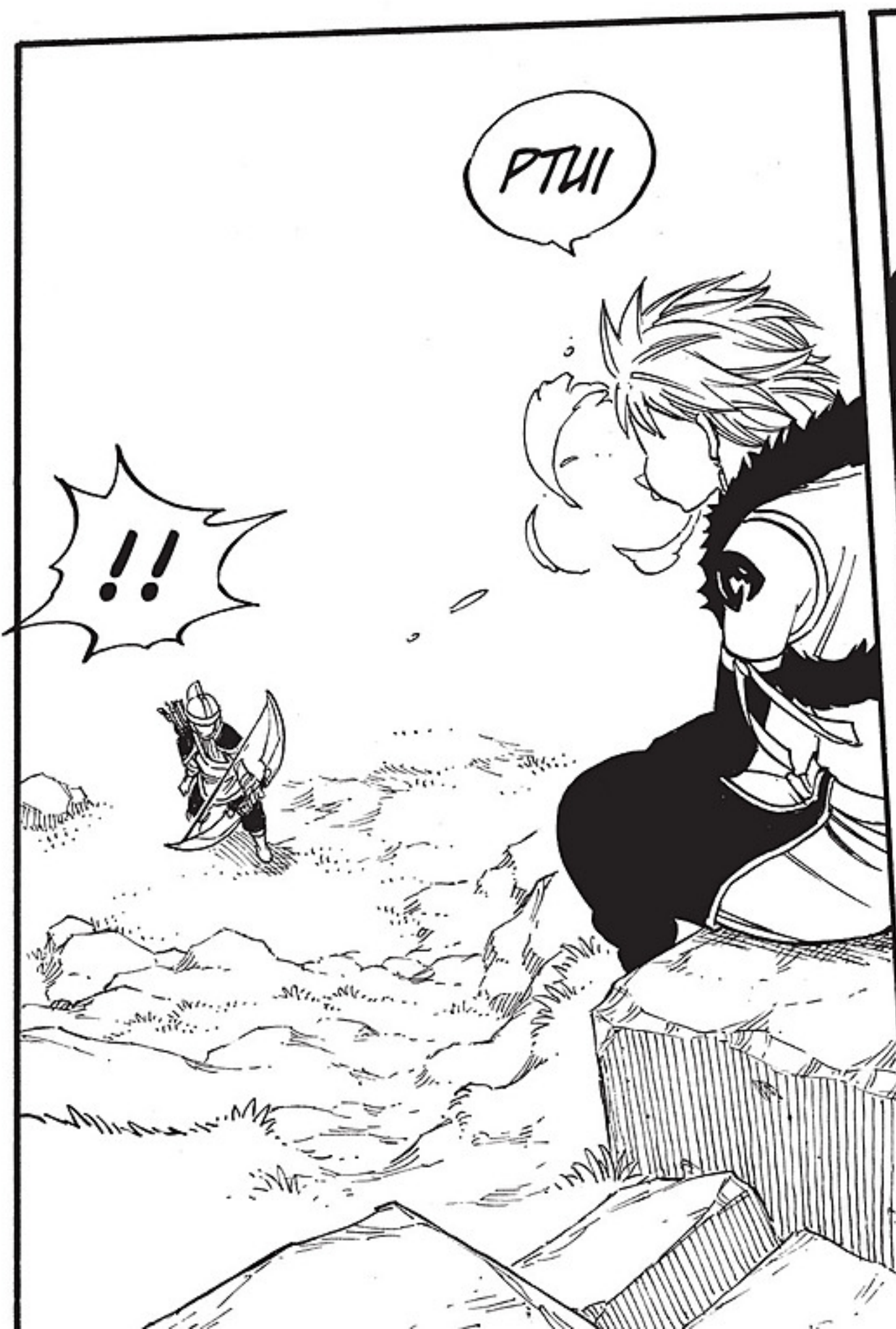
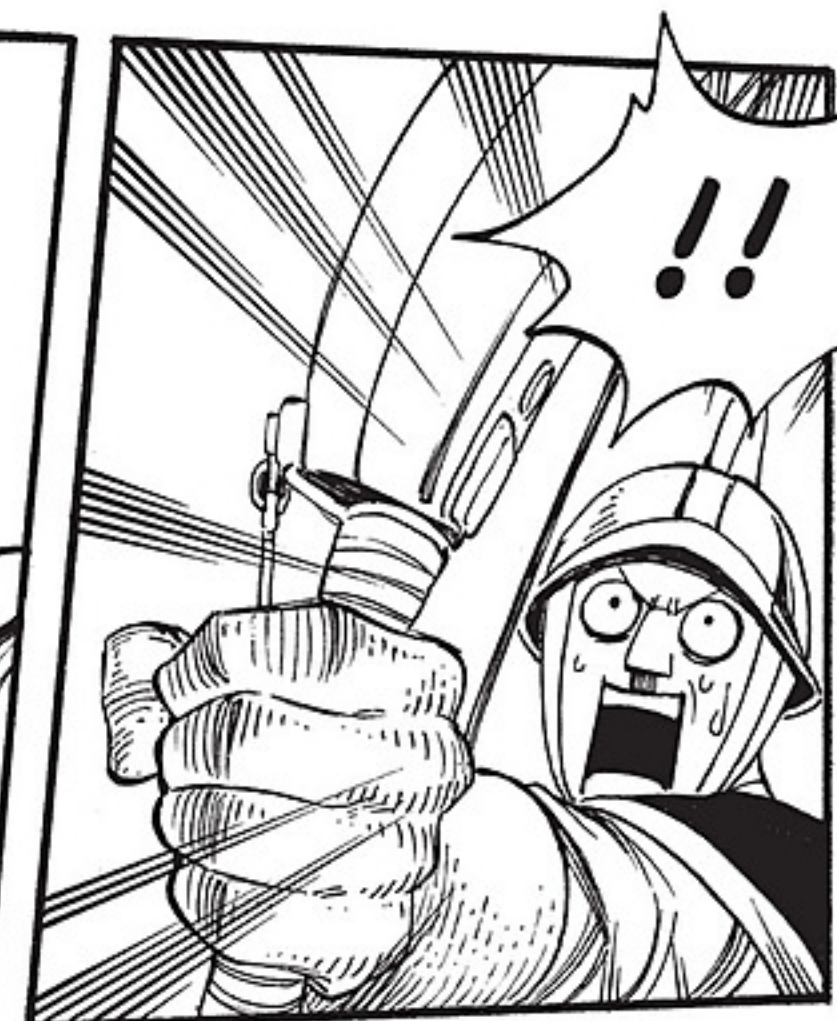
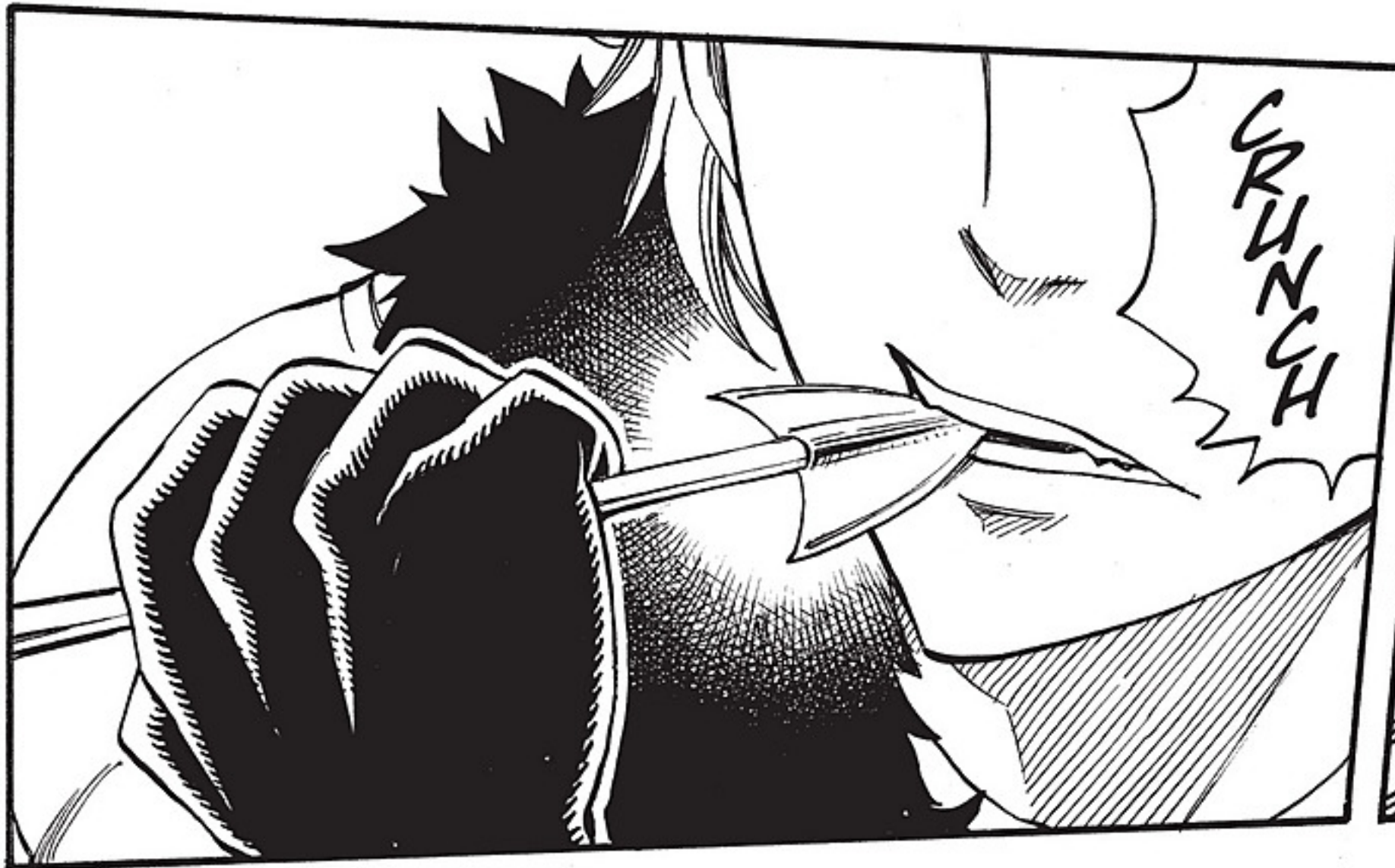
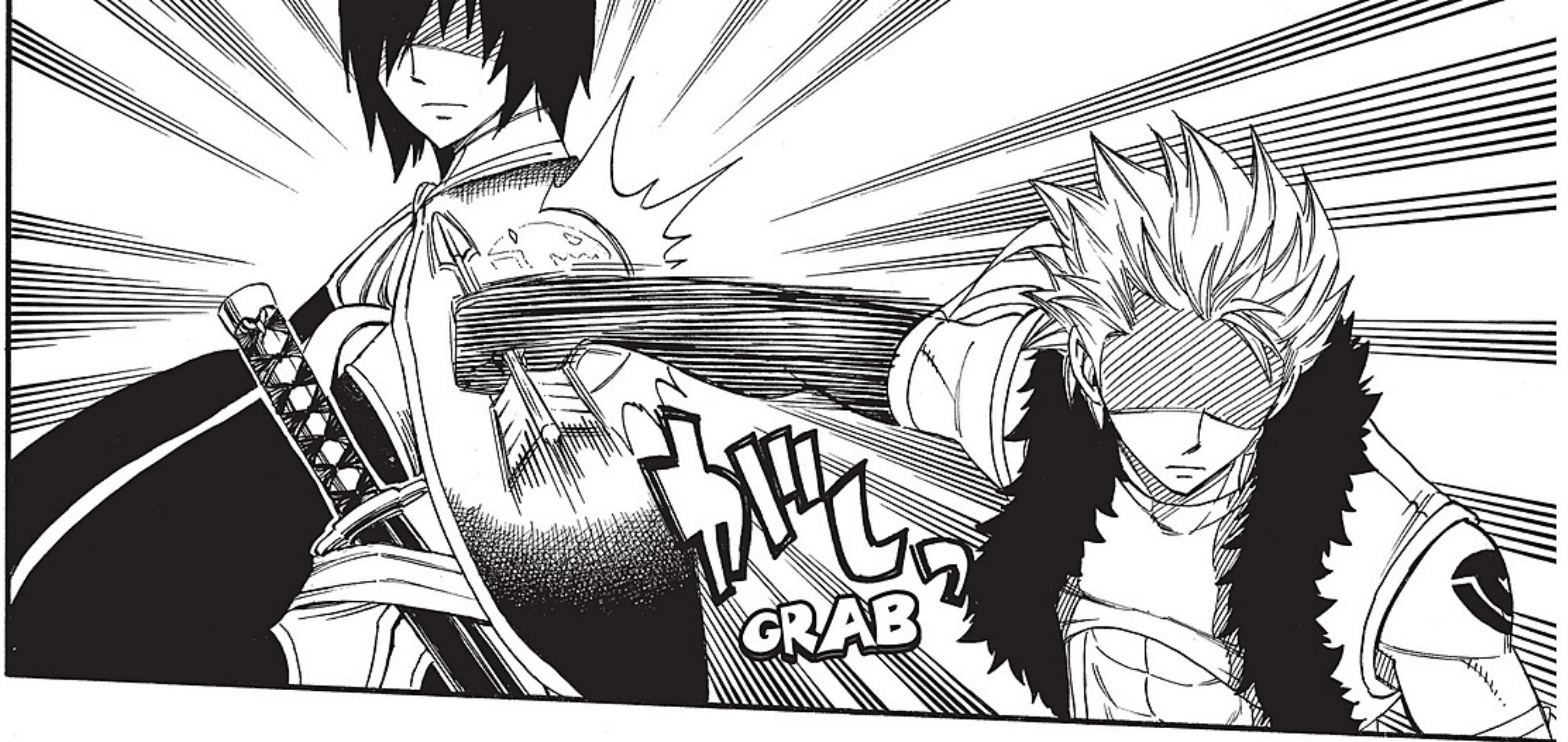


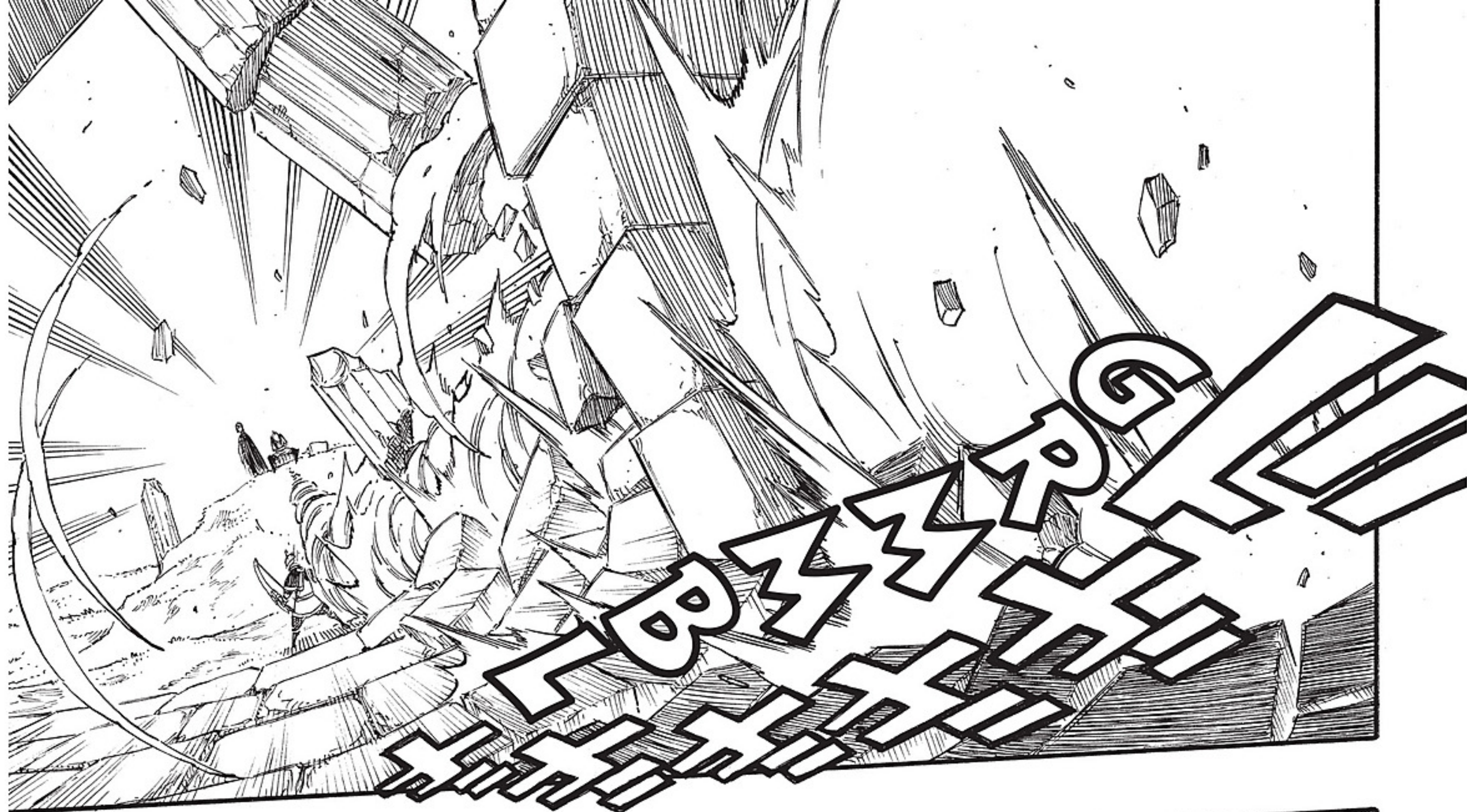
And why show it to *me*?

...I was struck dumb too.







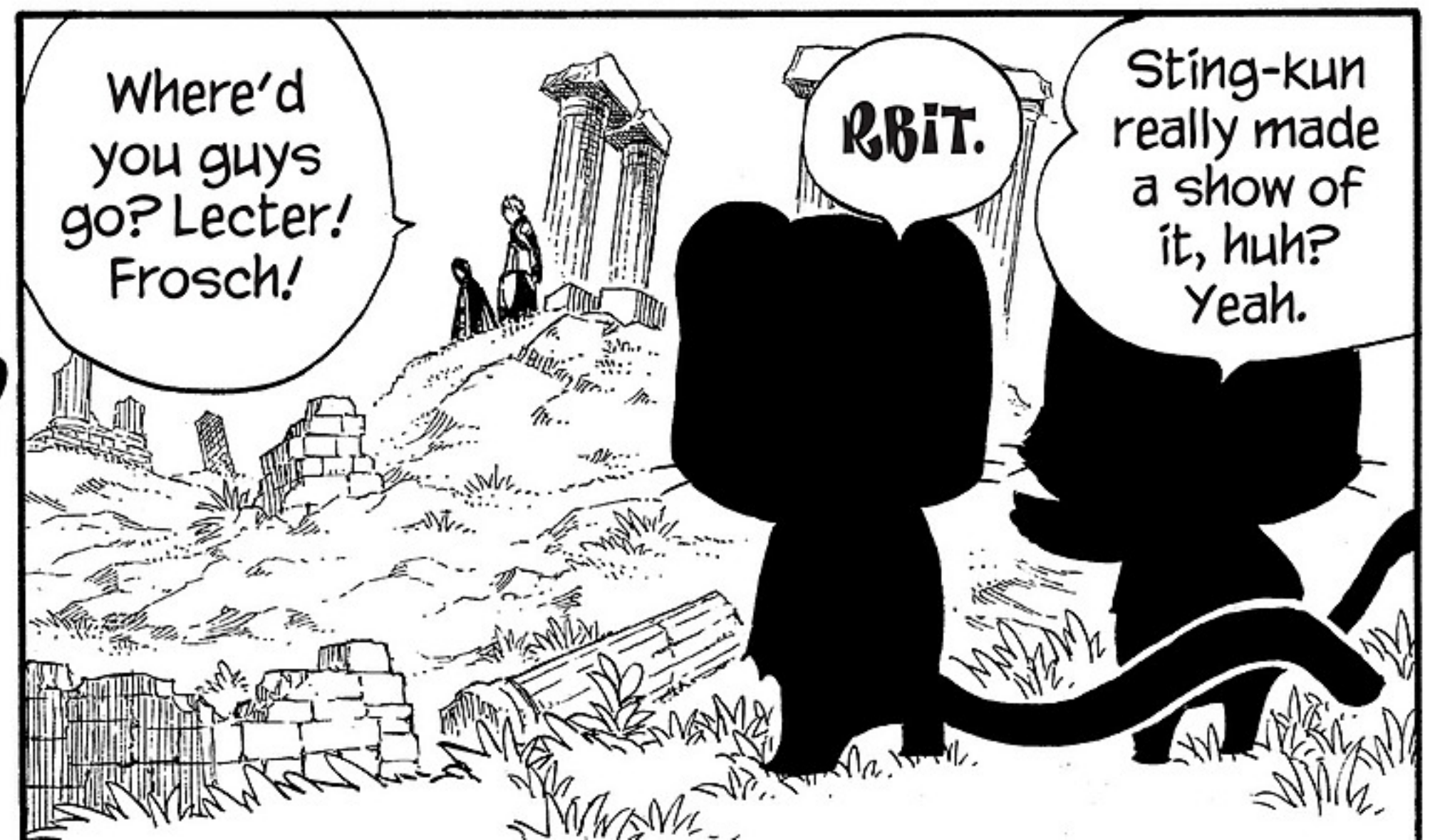
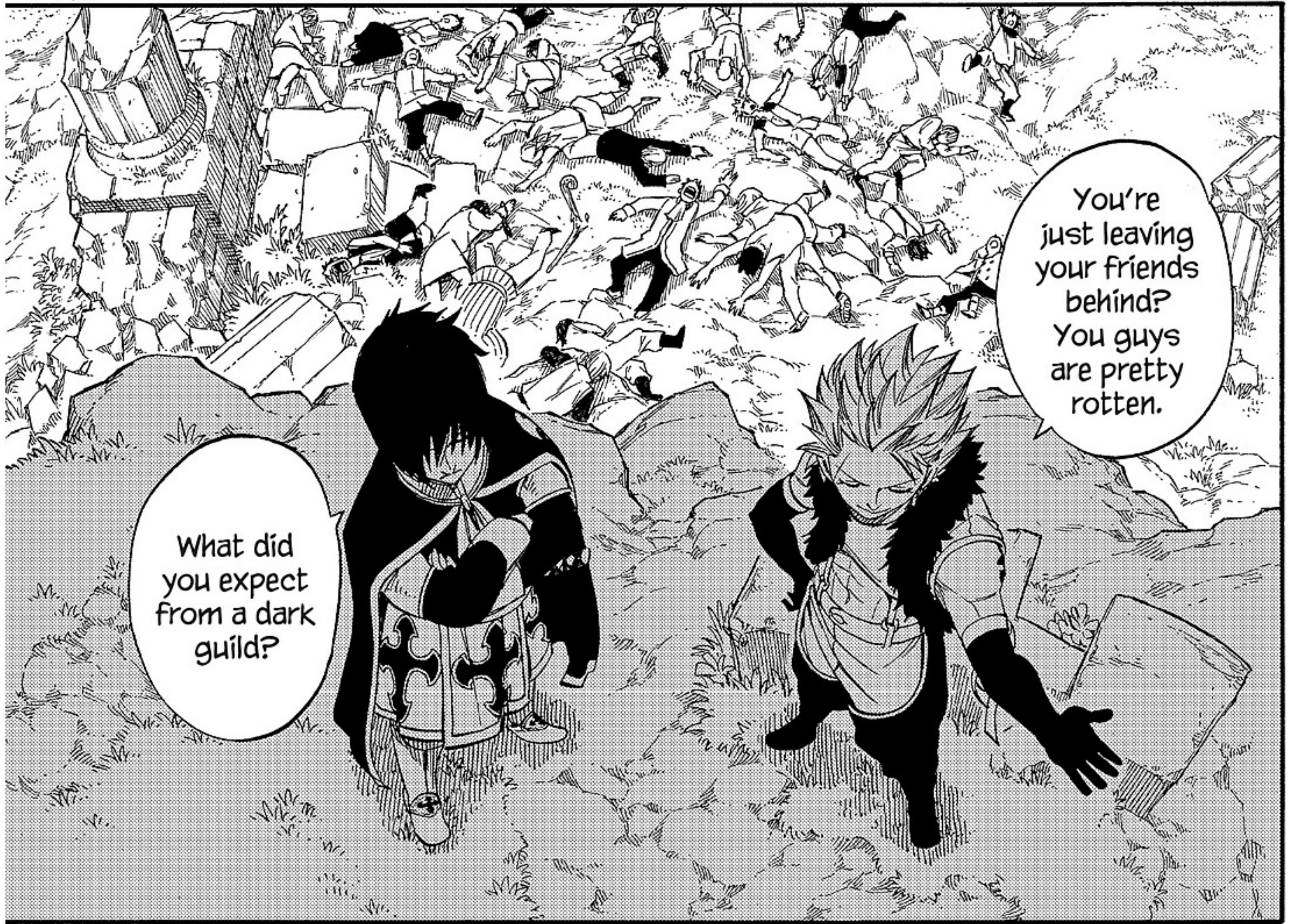


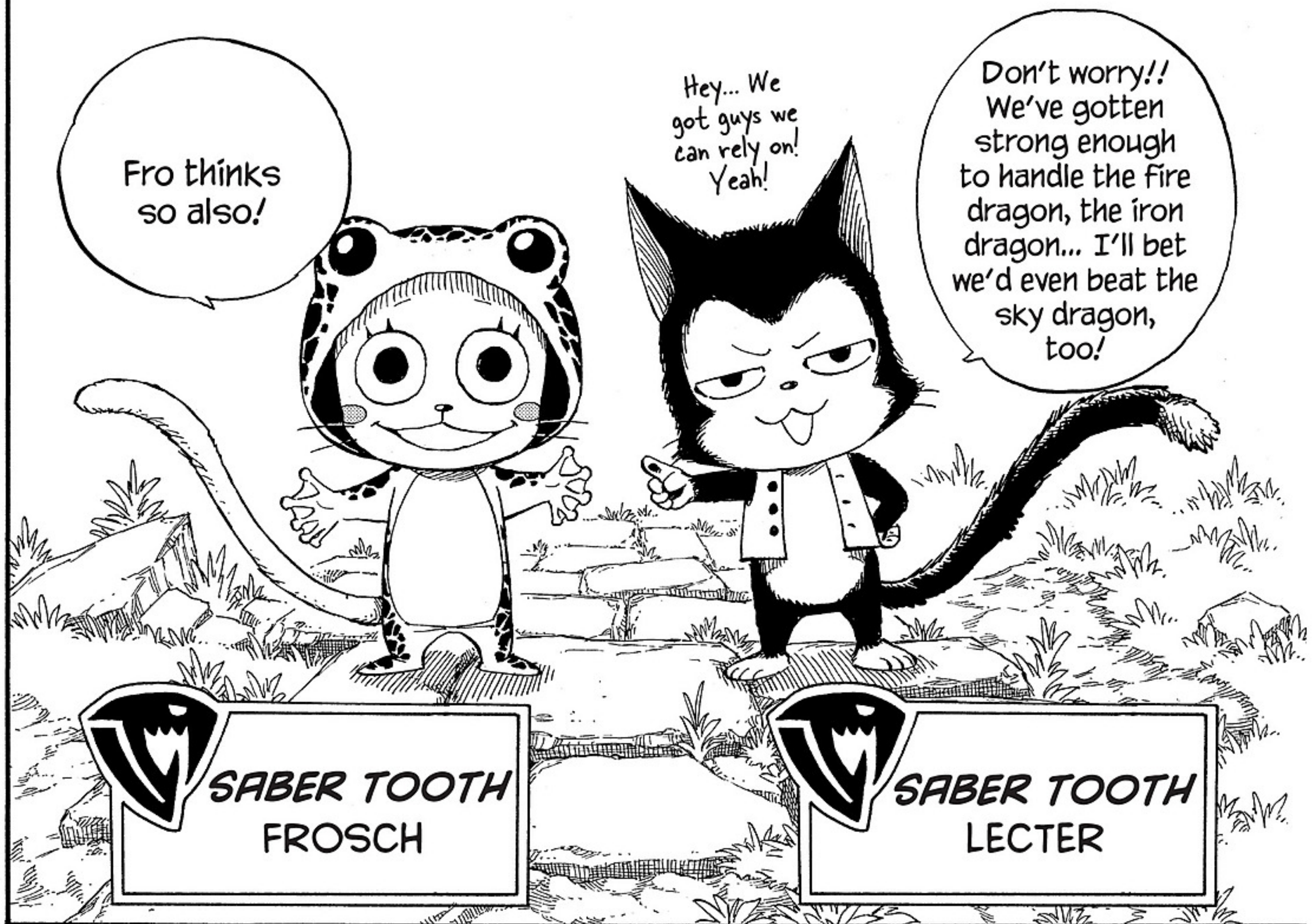
**Sting the
White Dragon,
and Rogue
the Shadow
Dragon!!!**

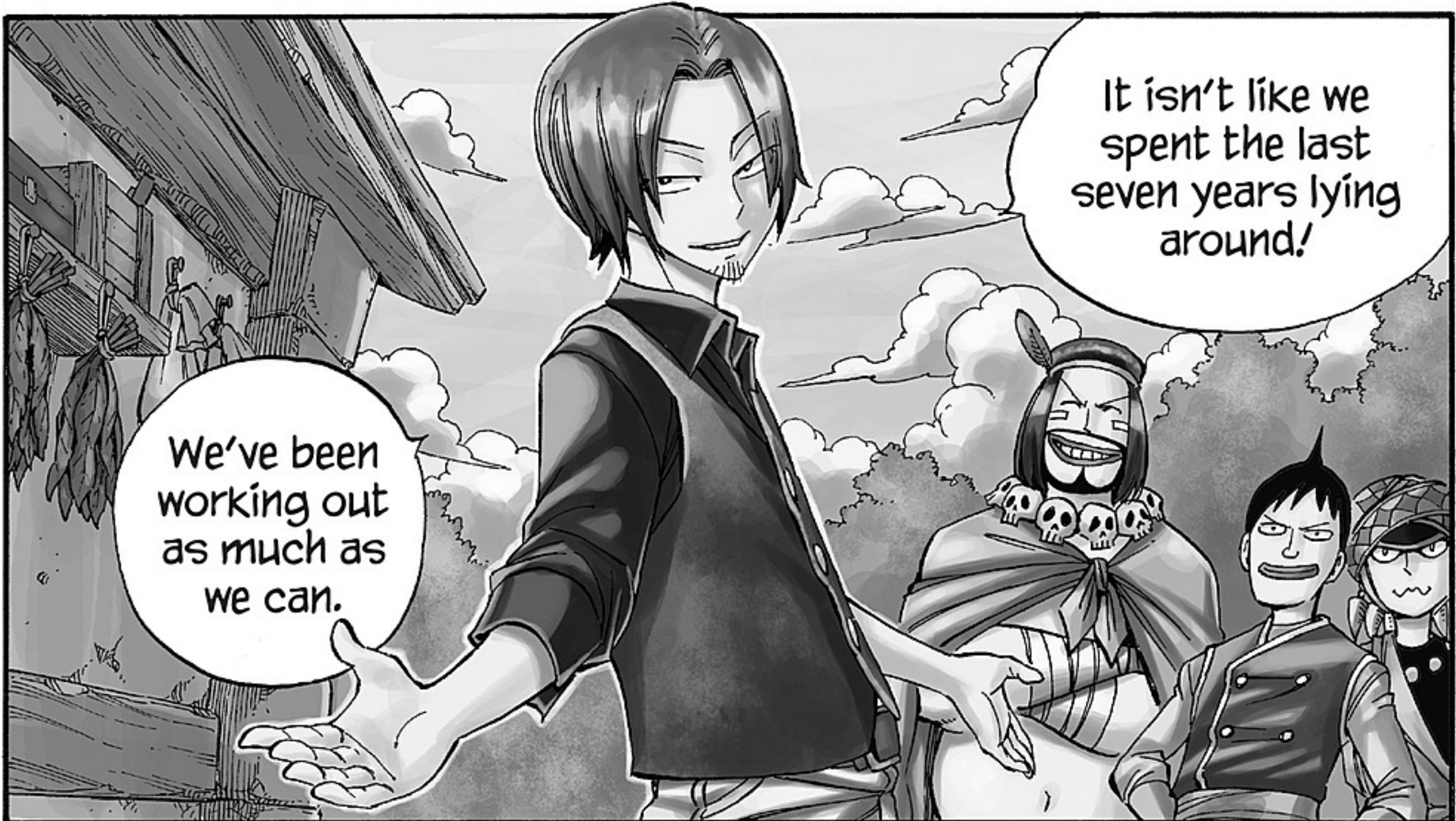
**The
dragon
slayer
duo!!!!**

**SABER
TOOTH
ROGUE CHENEY**

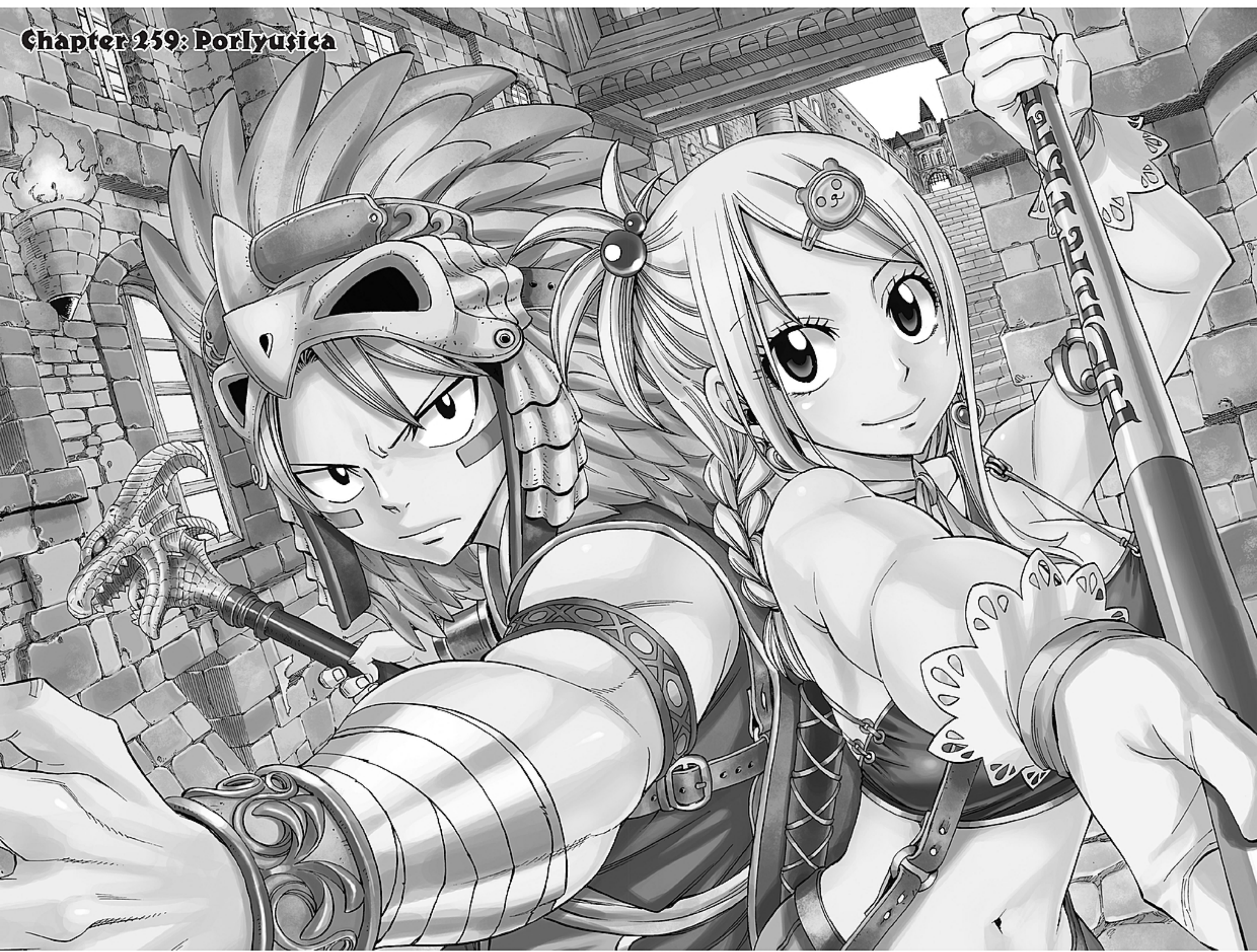
**SABER
TOOTH
STING EUCLIFFE**





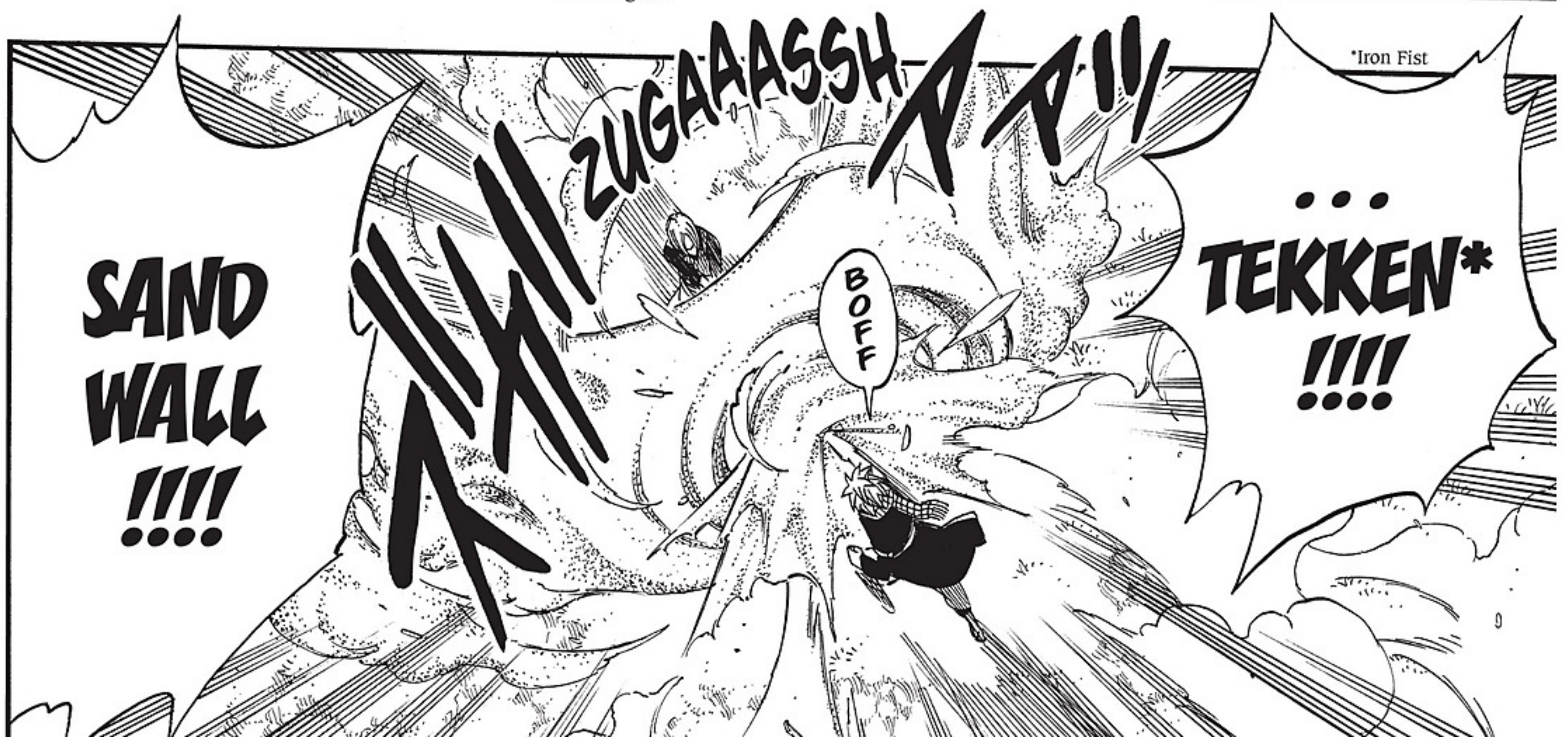
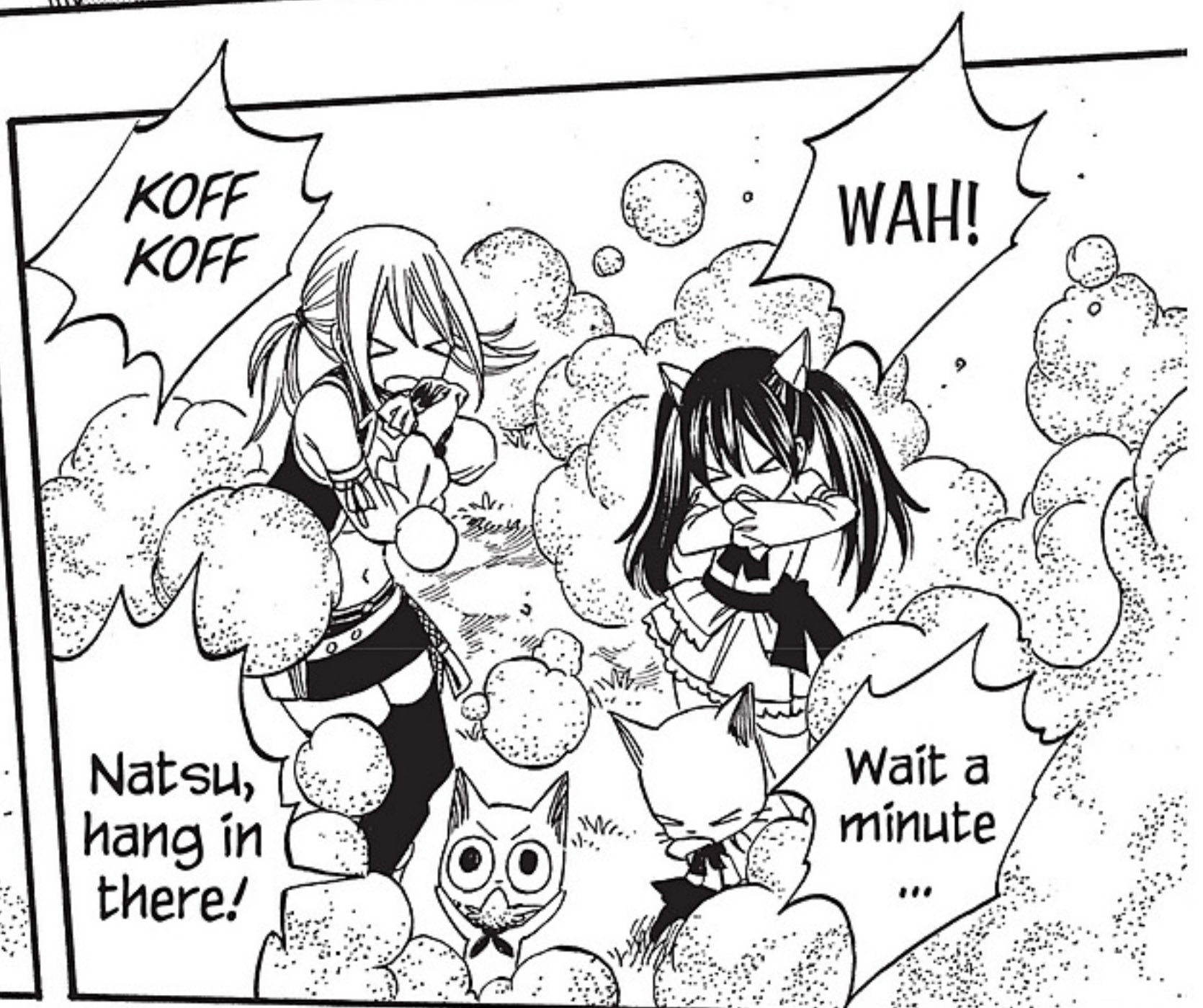


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*Thunder-Fire Dragon Mode

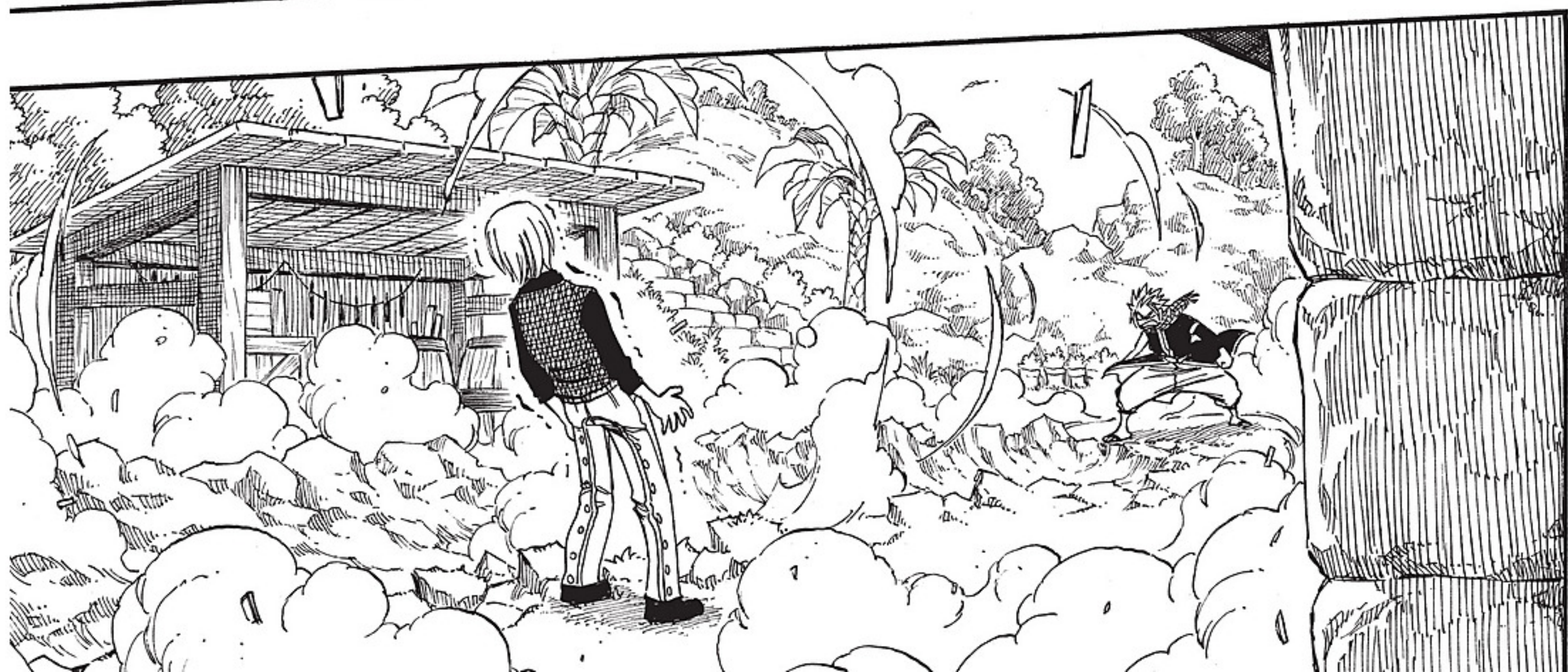
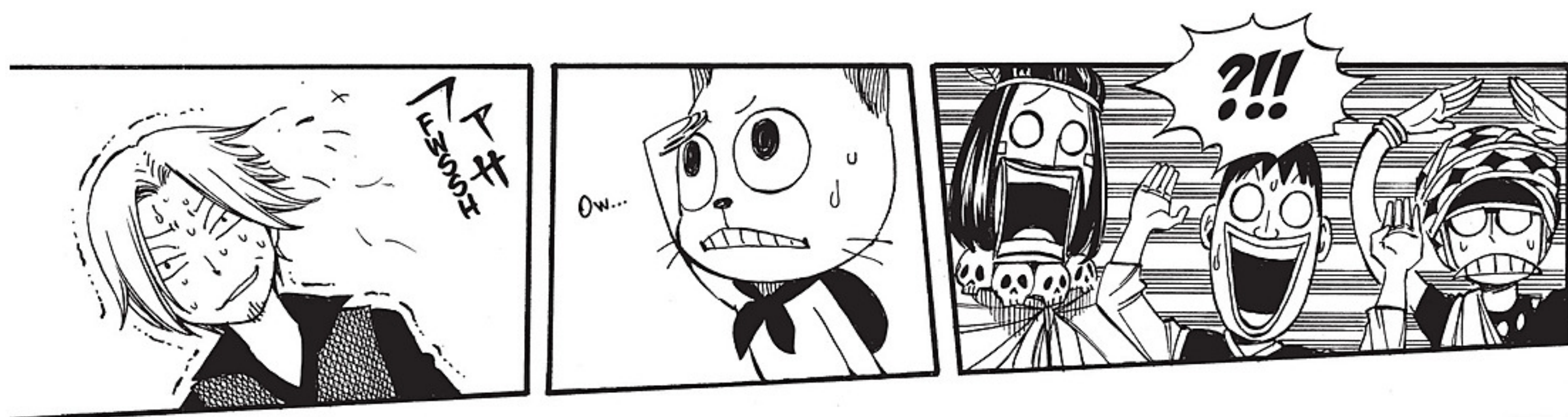




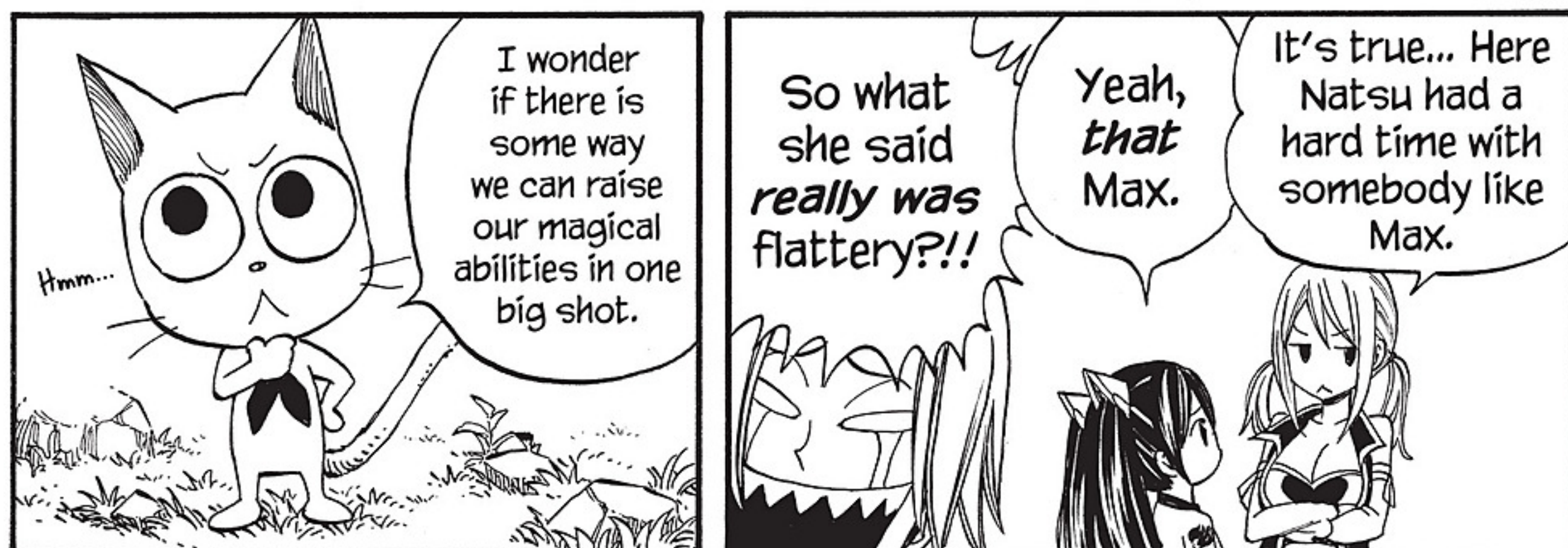
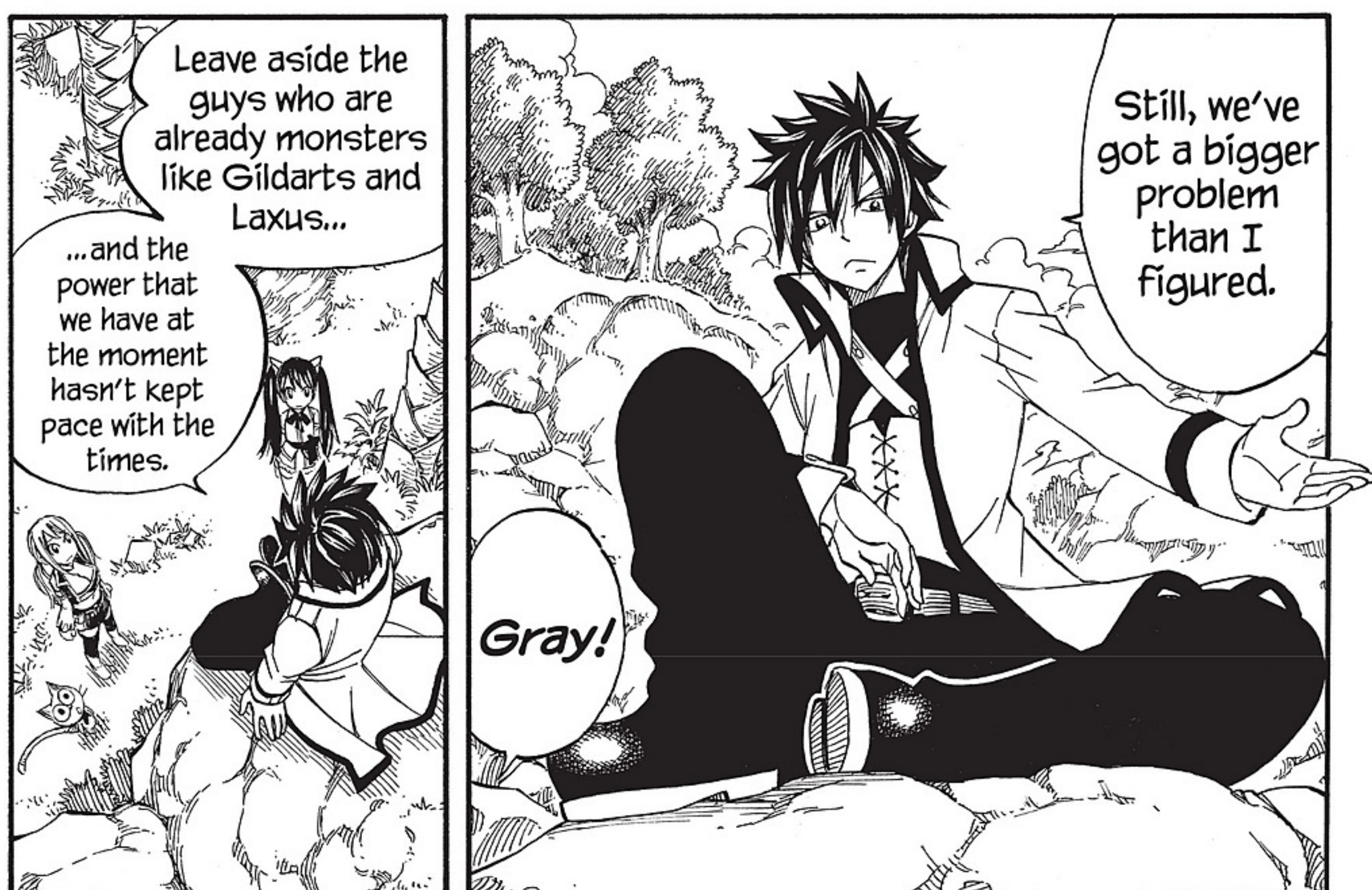
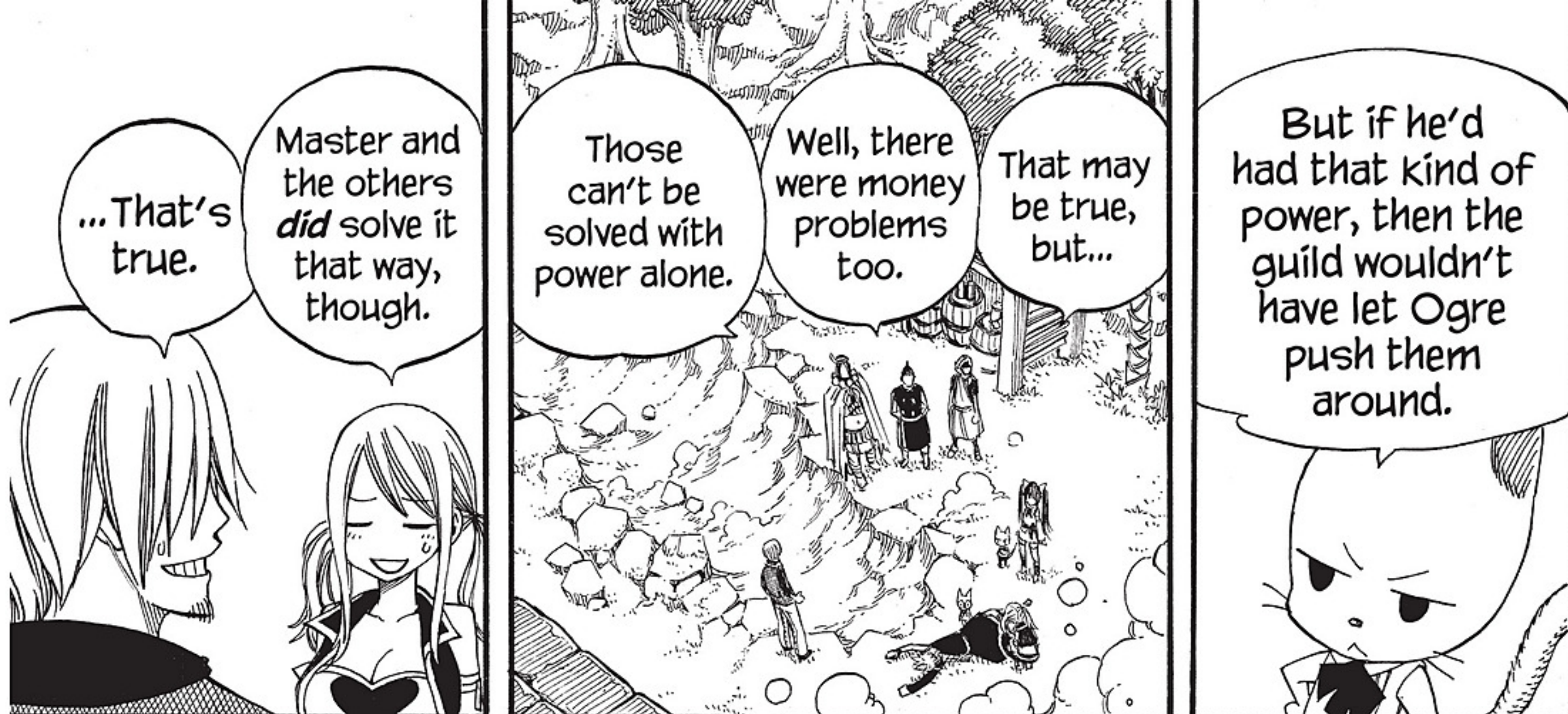
*Thunder-Fire Dragon's

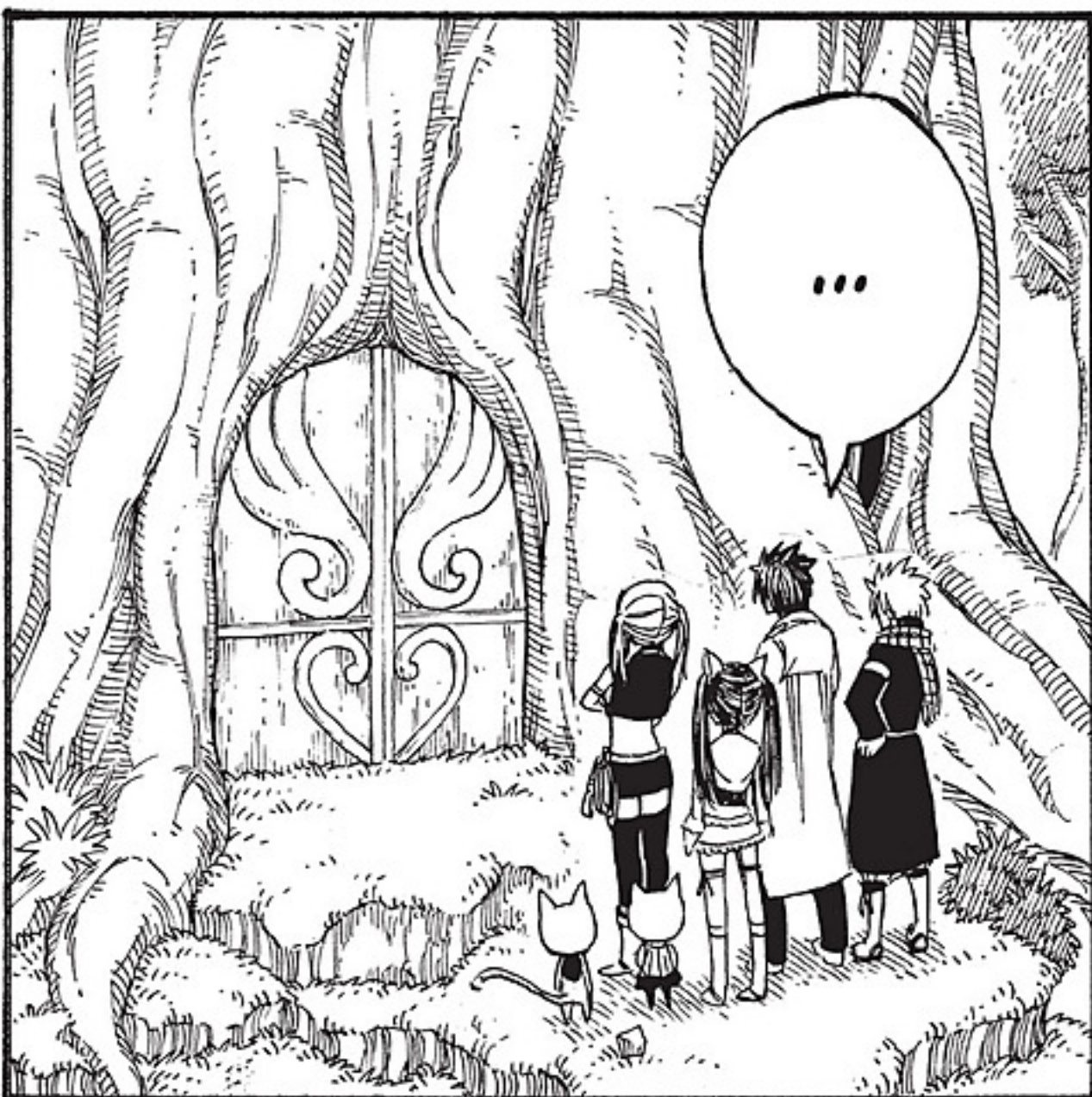
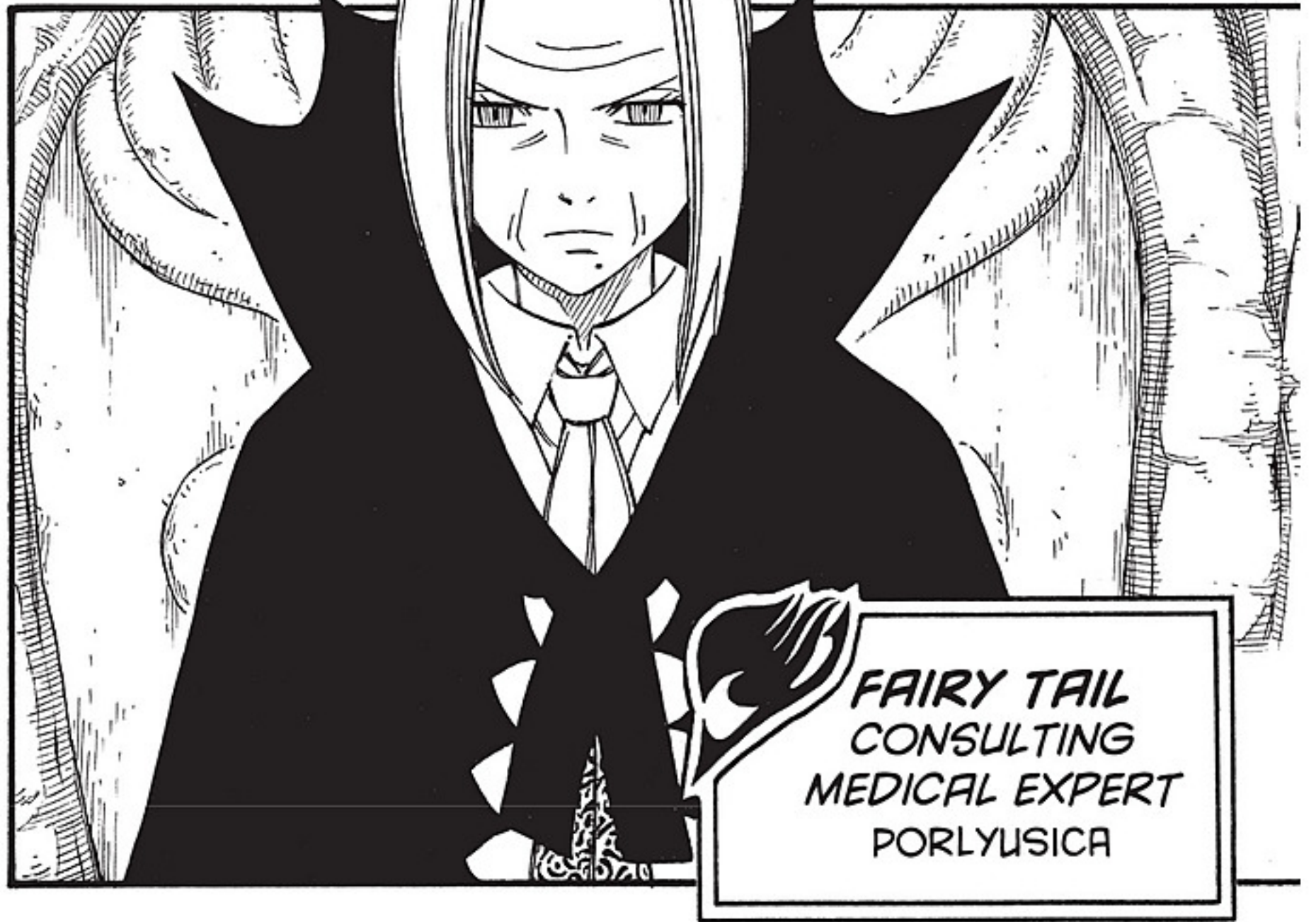
**Roar

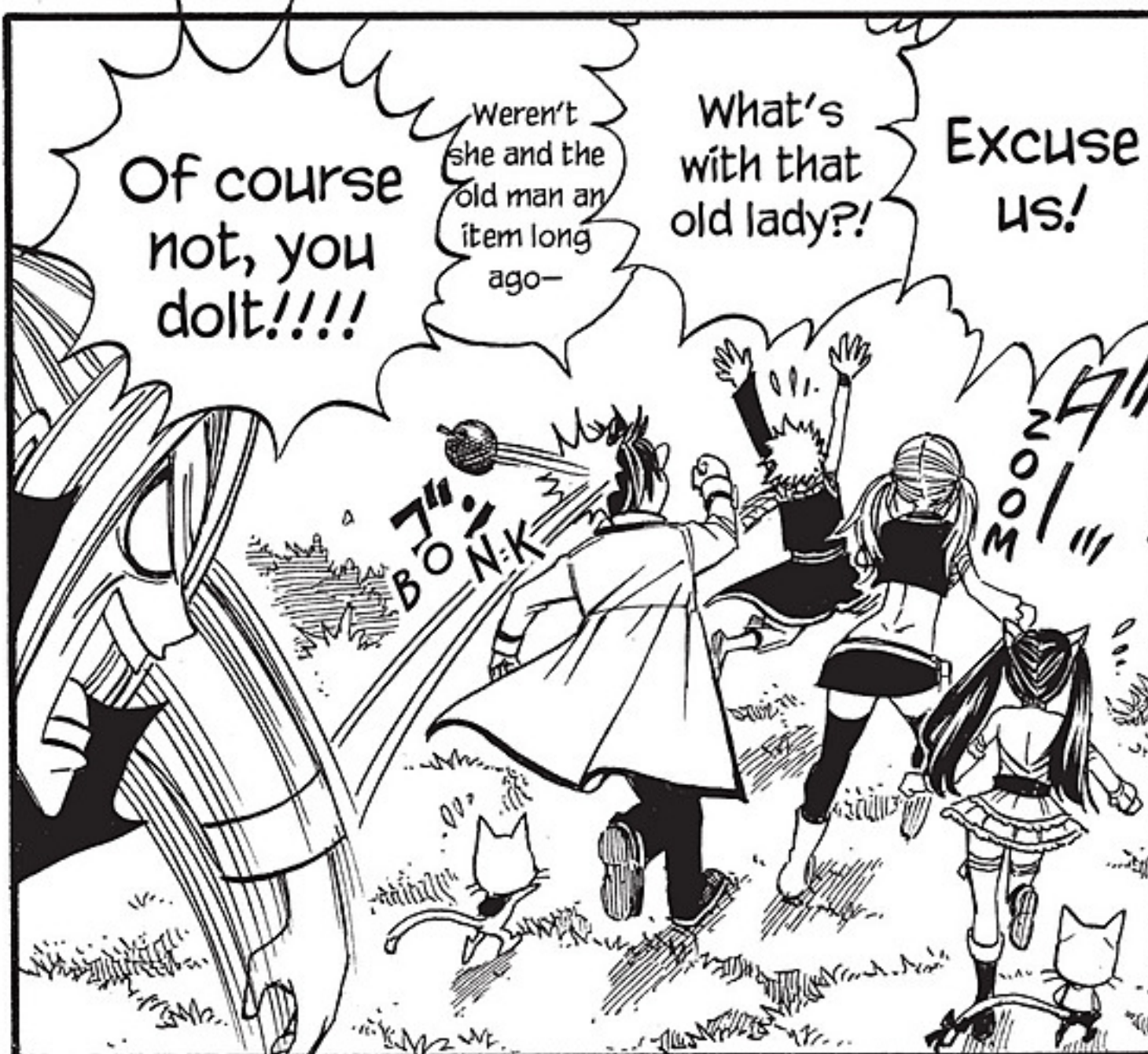
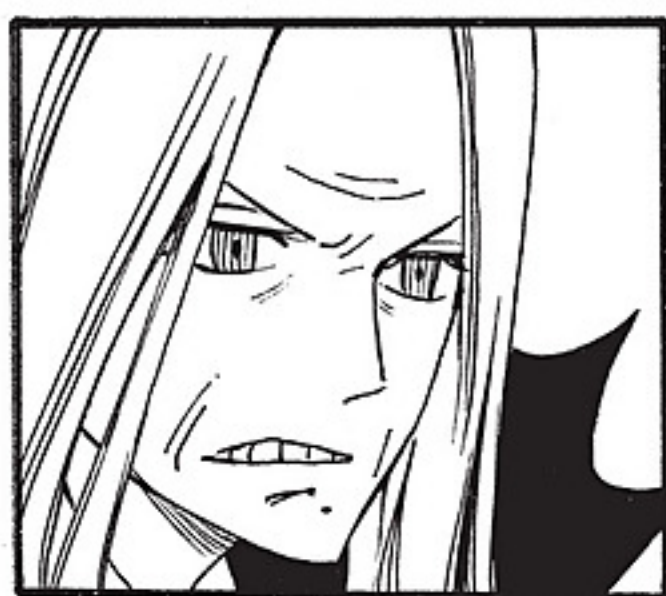
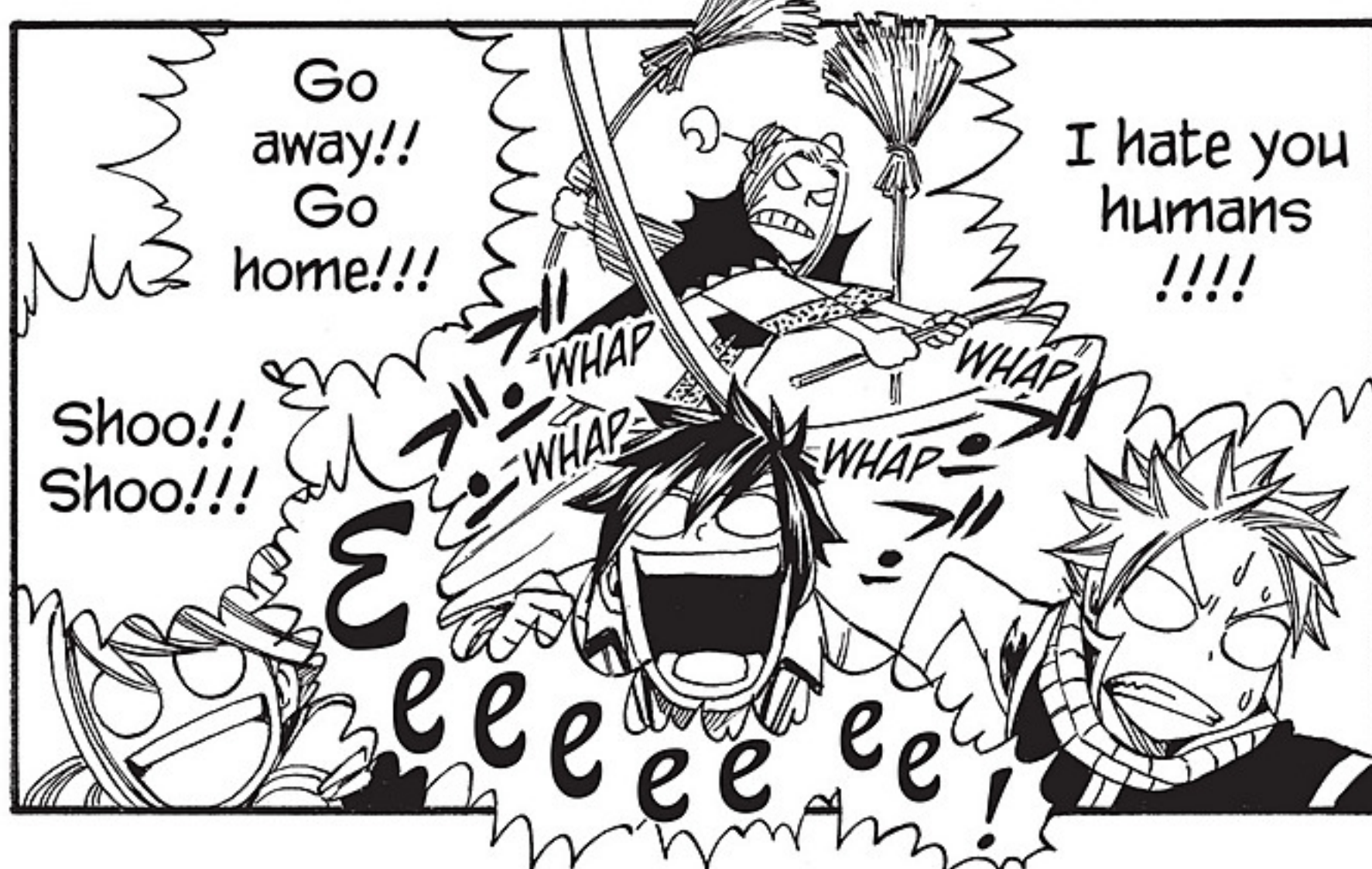


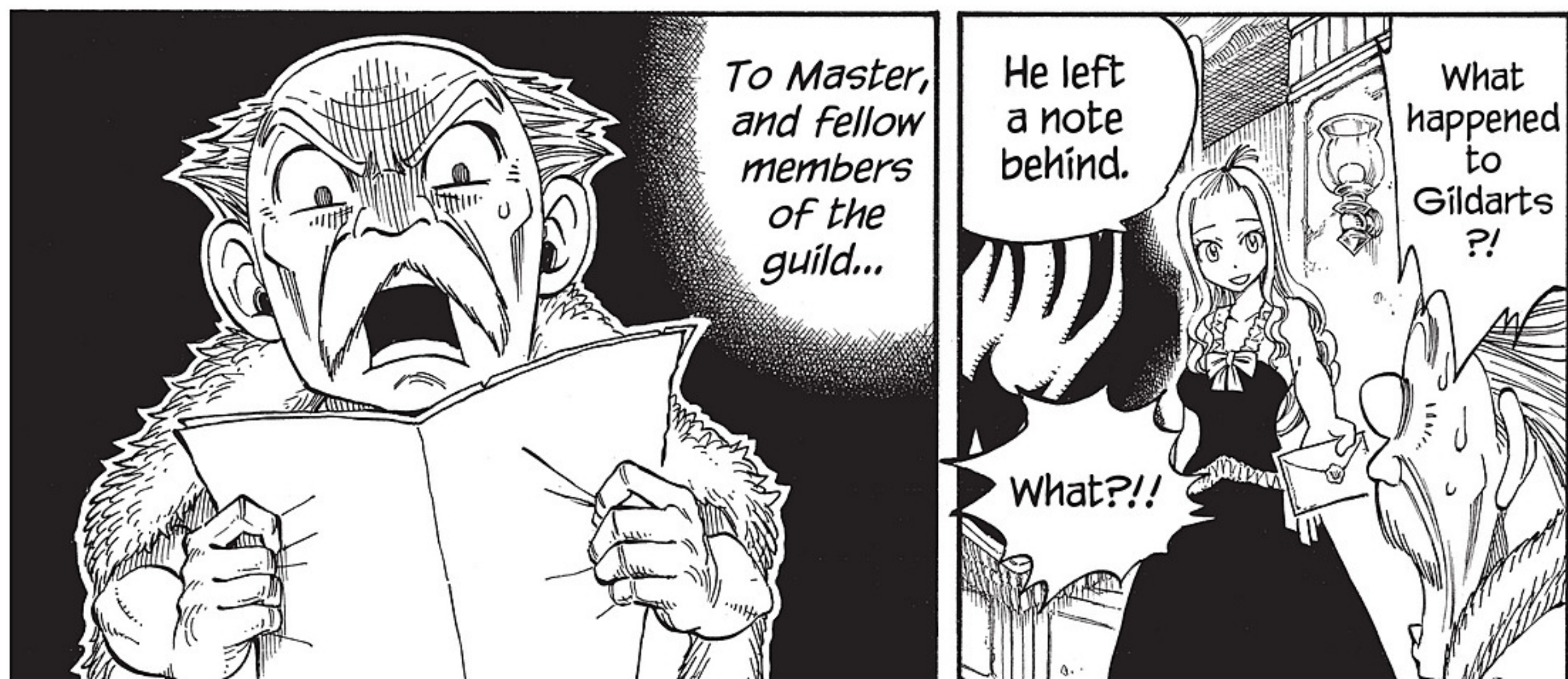
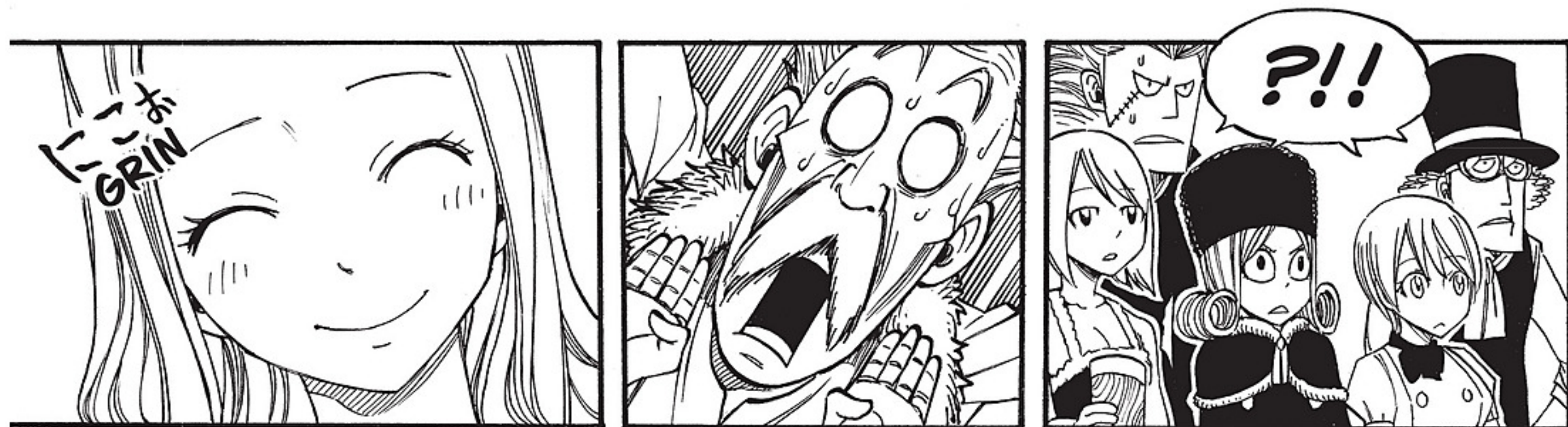
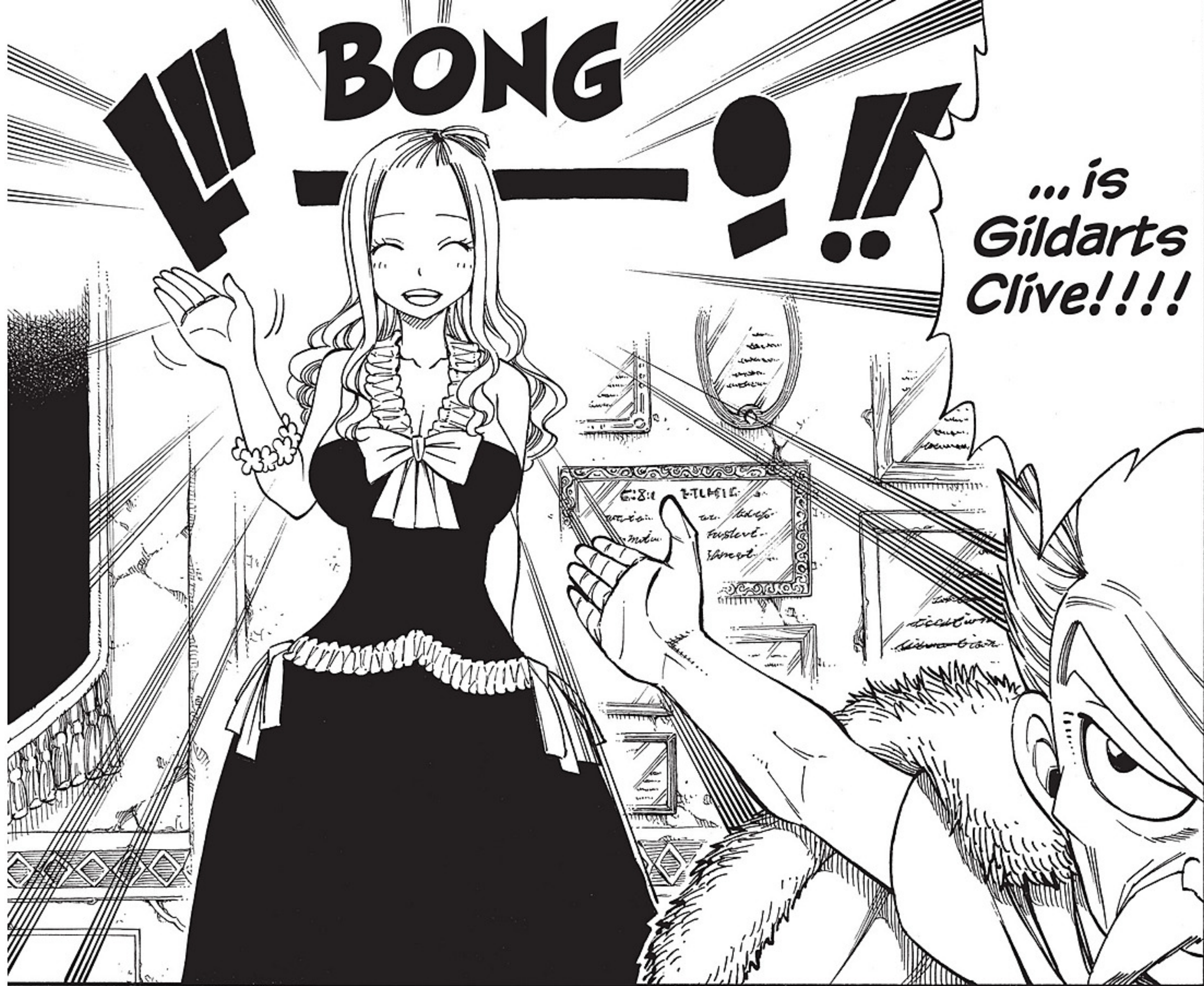


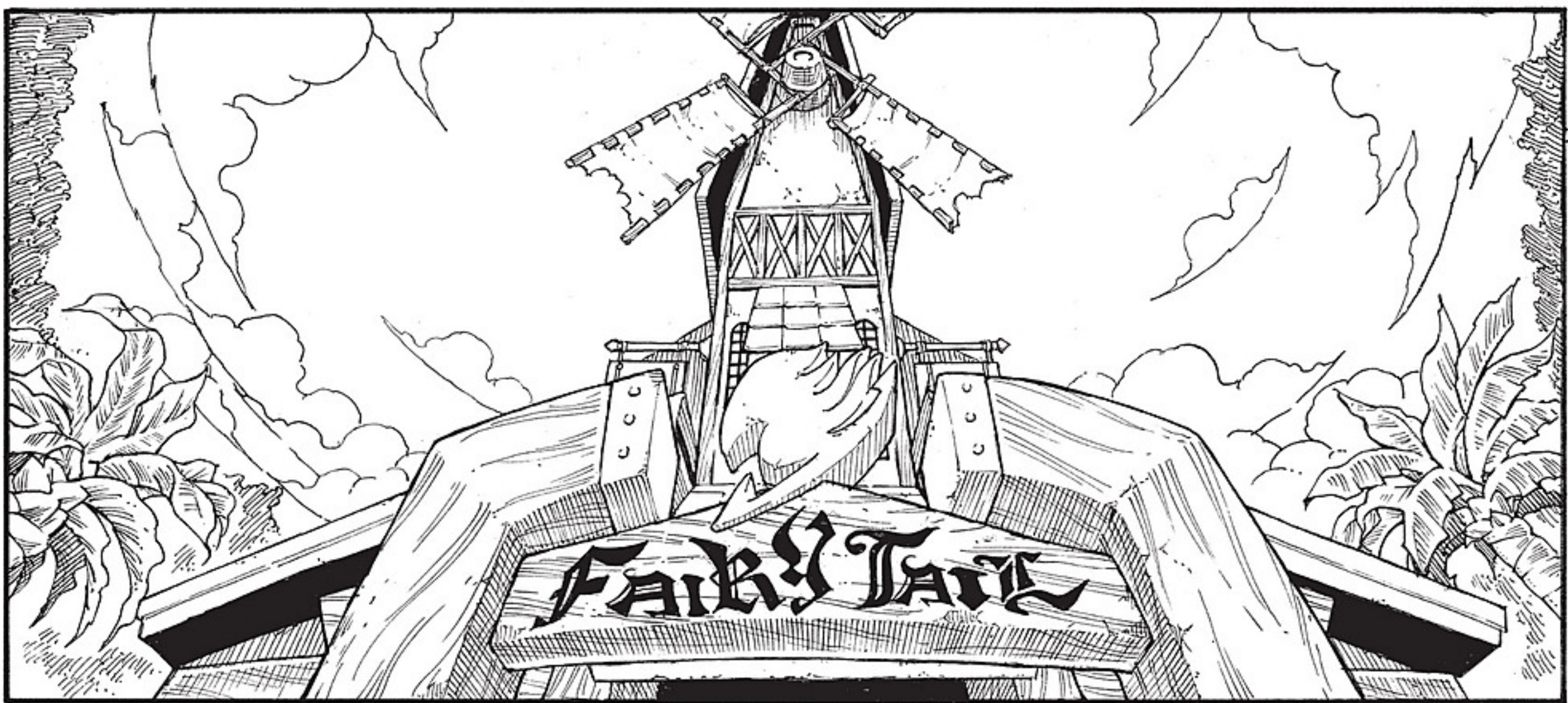
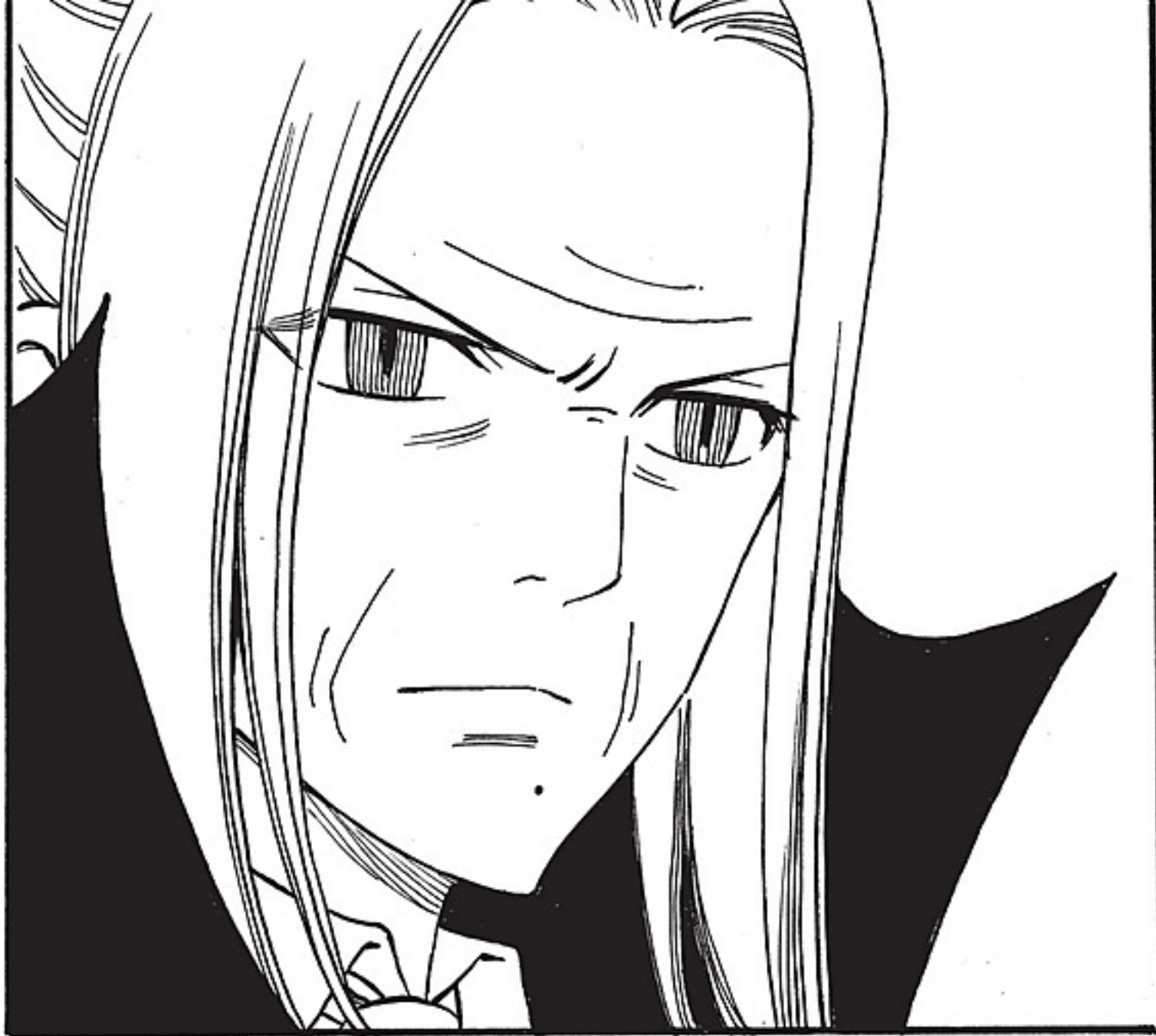


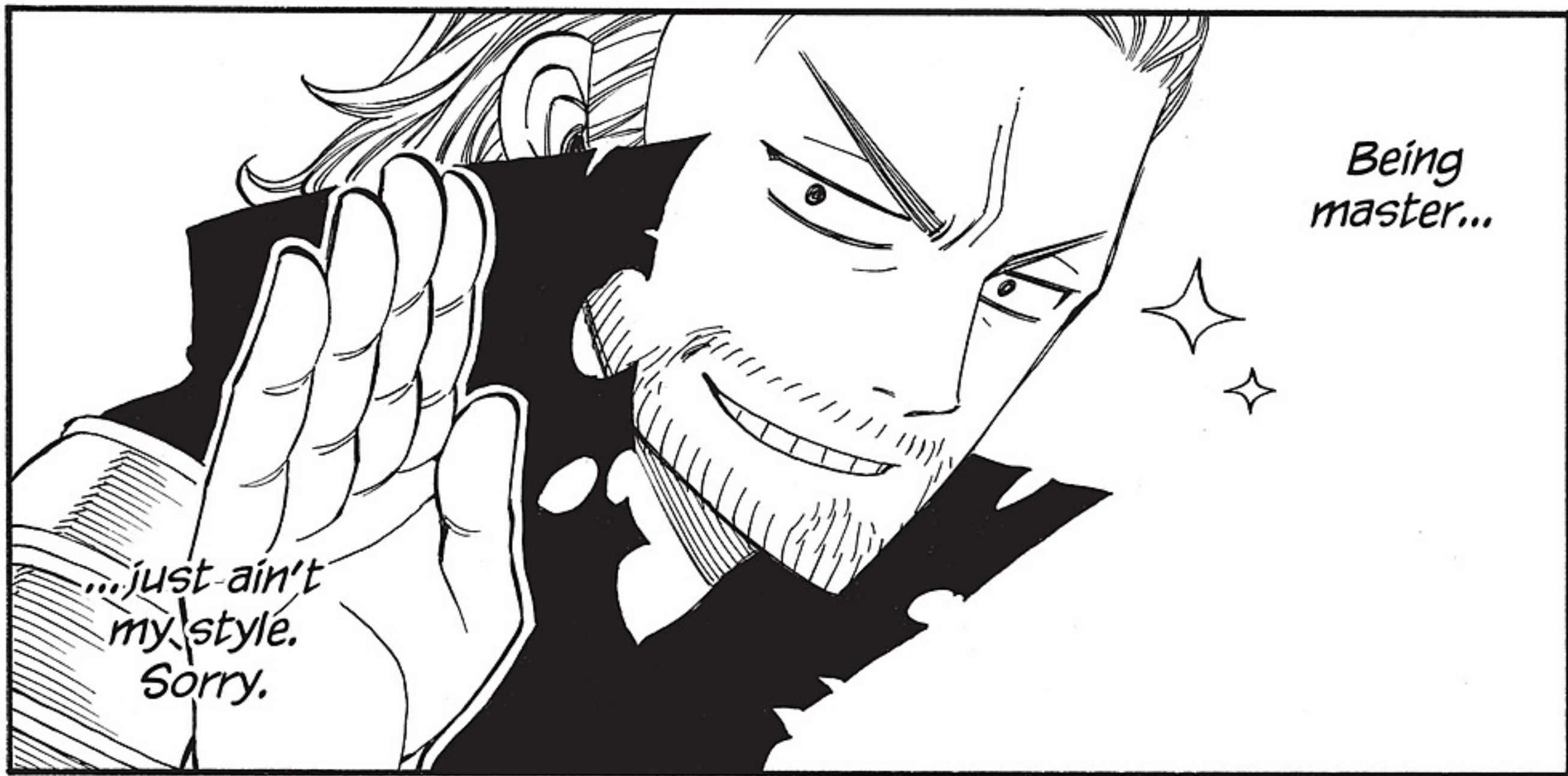












Being
master...

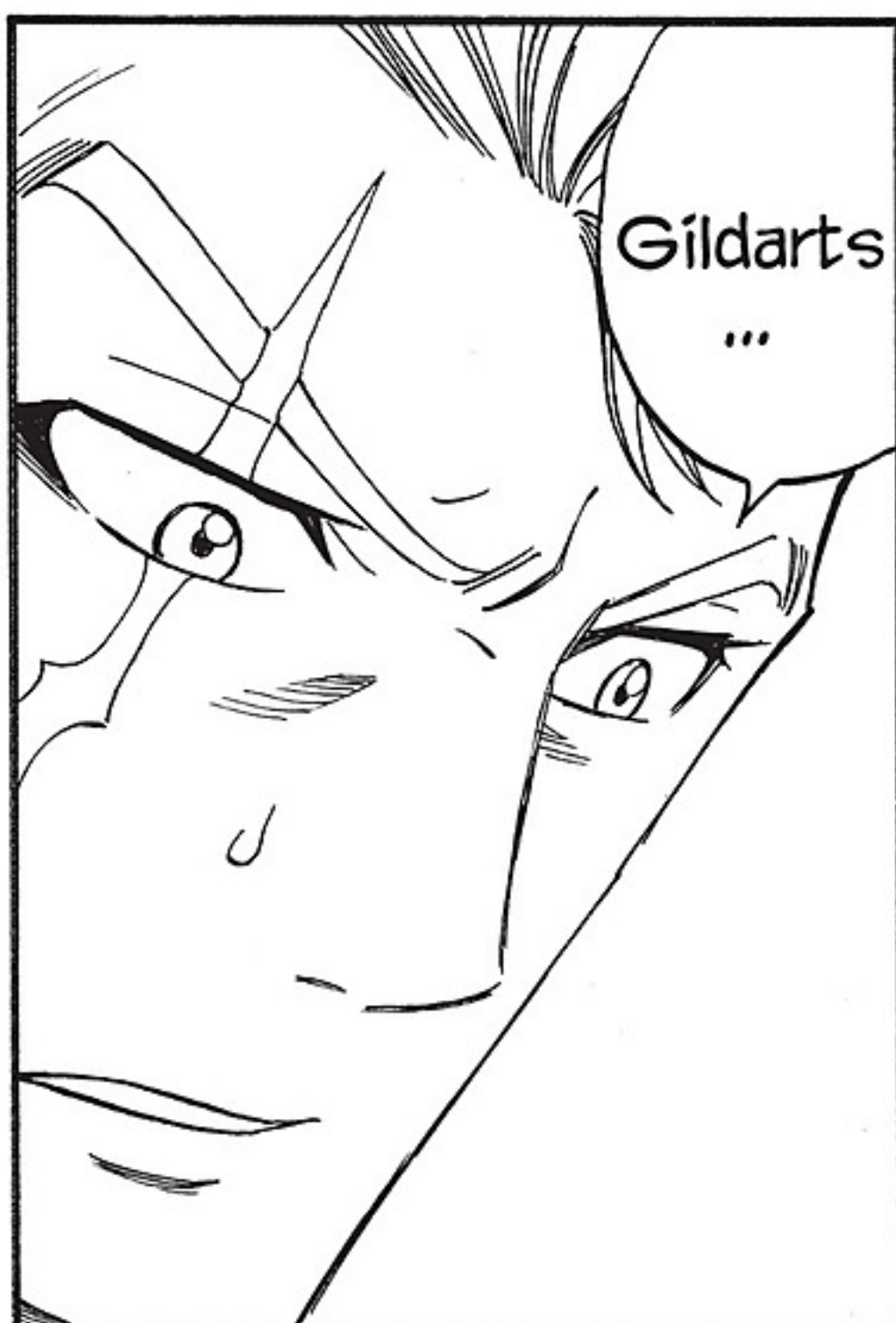
...just ain't
my style.
Sorry.



But, what
the hey. As the
fifth master of
Fairy Tail, there
are a couple of
things I will
order...



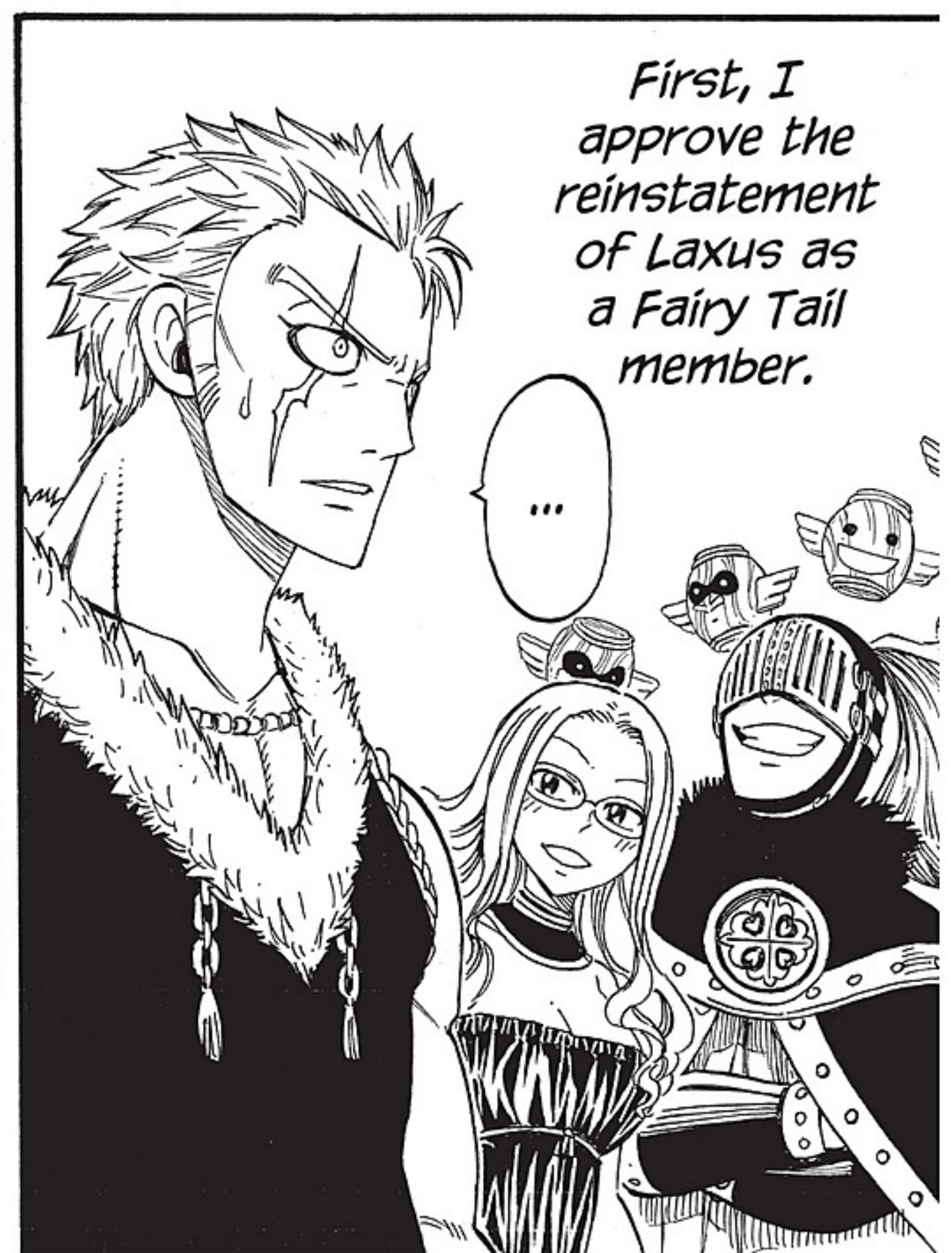
G
N
W
H
A
?!!!



Gildarts
...



How
dare he
go and...
!!!!



First, I
approve the
reinstatement
of Laxus as
a Fairy Tail
member.



Tee hee

Grrr... If the fifth master commands it...

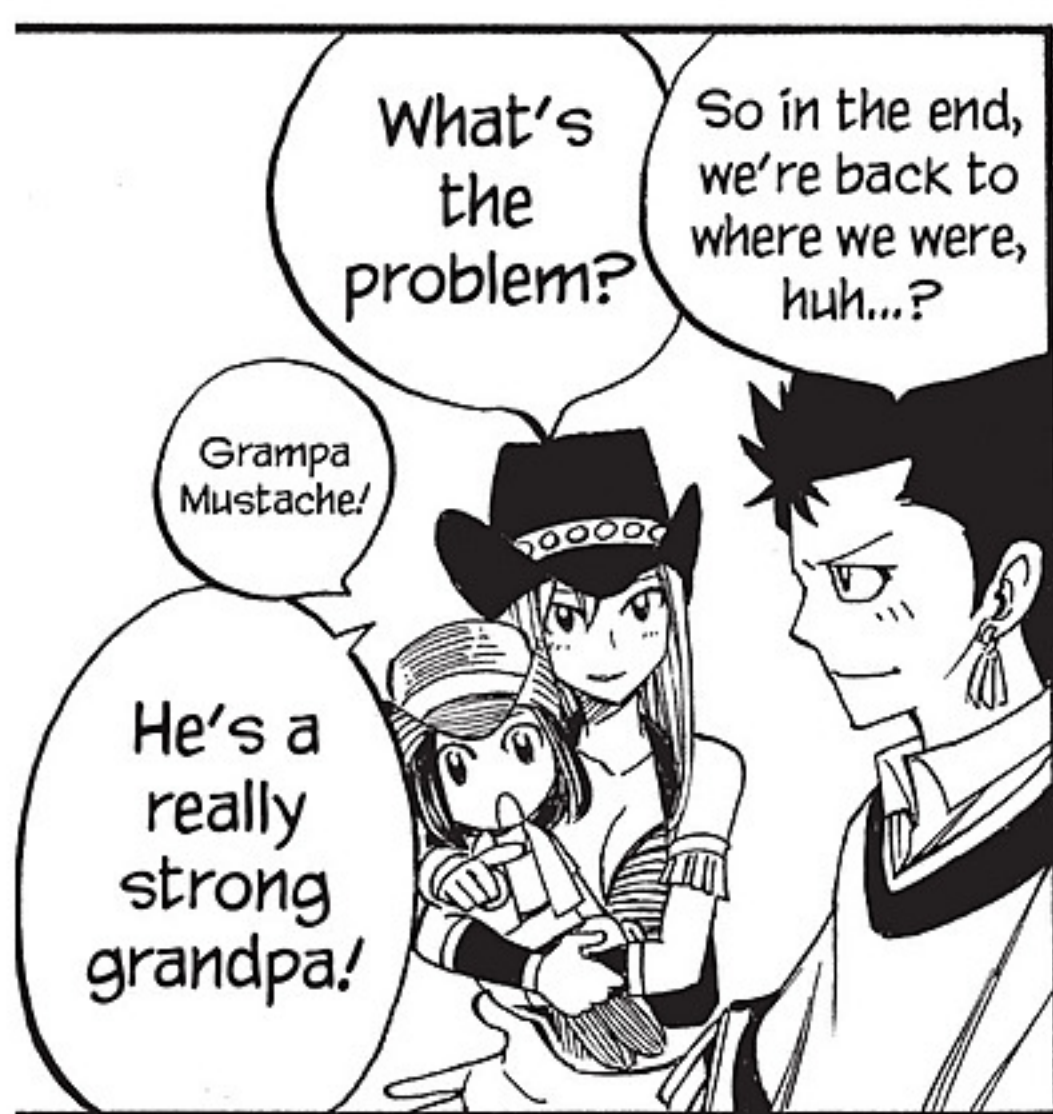


Gildarts! You're a great man...

I don't... Um...

Now the Raijin Tribe is totally back together !!!

All right, Laxus !!!



What's the problem?

So in the end, we're back to where we were, huh...?

Grampa Mustache!

He's a really strong grandpa!



あはははは!!
AH HA HA HA HA!!

Me again?!

And second... I name Makarov Dreyar as the sixth master of Fairy Tail.



But... If you ever want to see me, ask the card to call me anytime.



And, hey, Cana. Sorry to be so selfish.

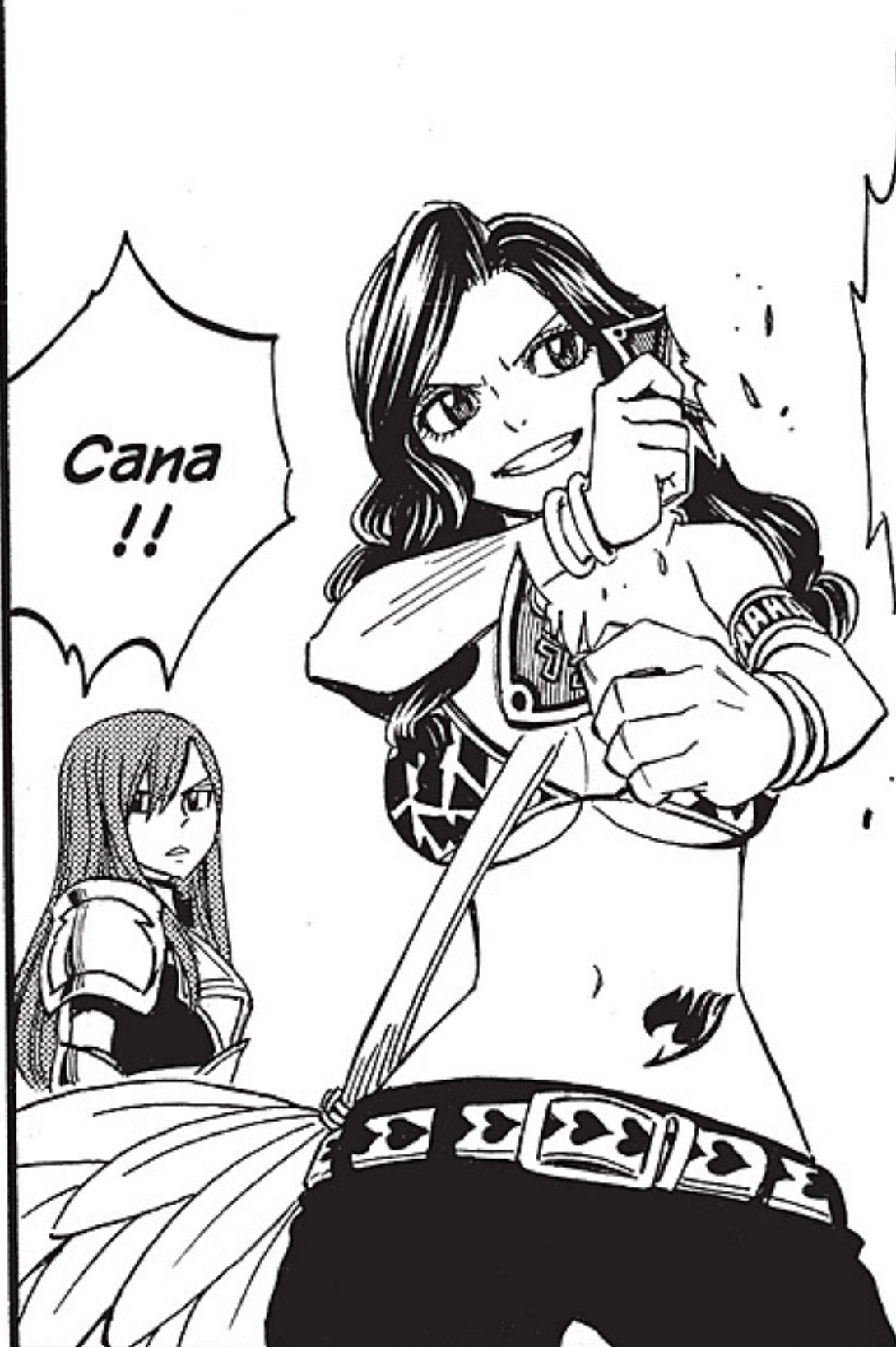


I'm going on a journey. I'll be back when I feel like it's time to return.

So everybody, take care.



Come on, old guy! I told you that I want us to be the way we always were!

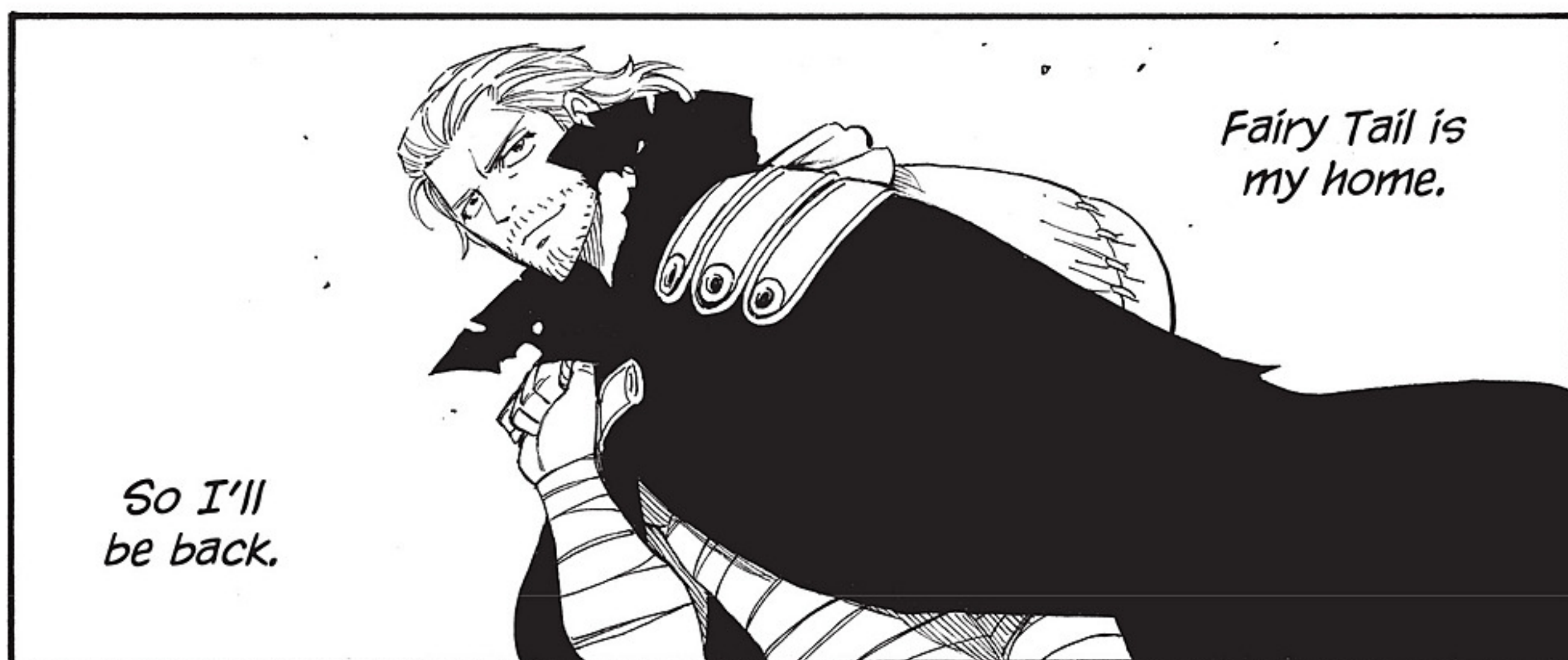


Cana !!

RIP

No way!

It's connected to a card I've got, and I'll be right there—

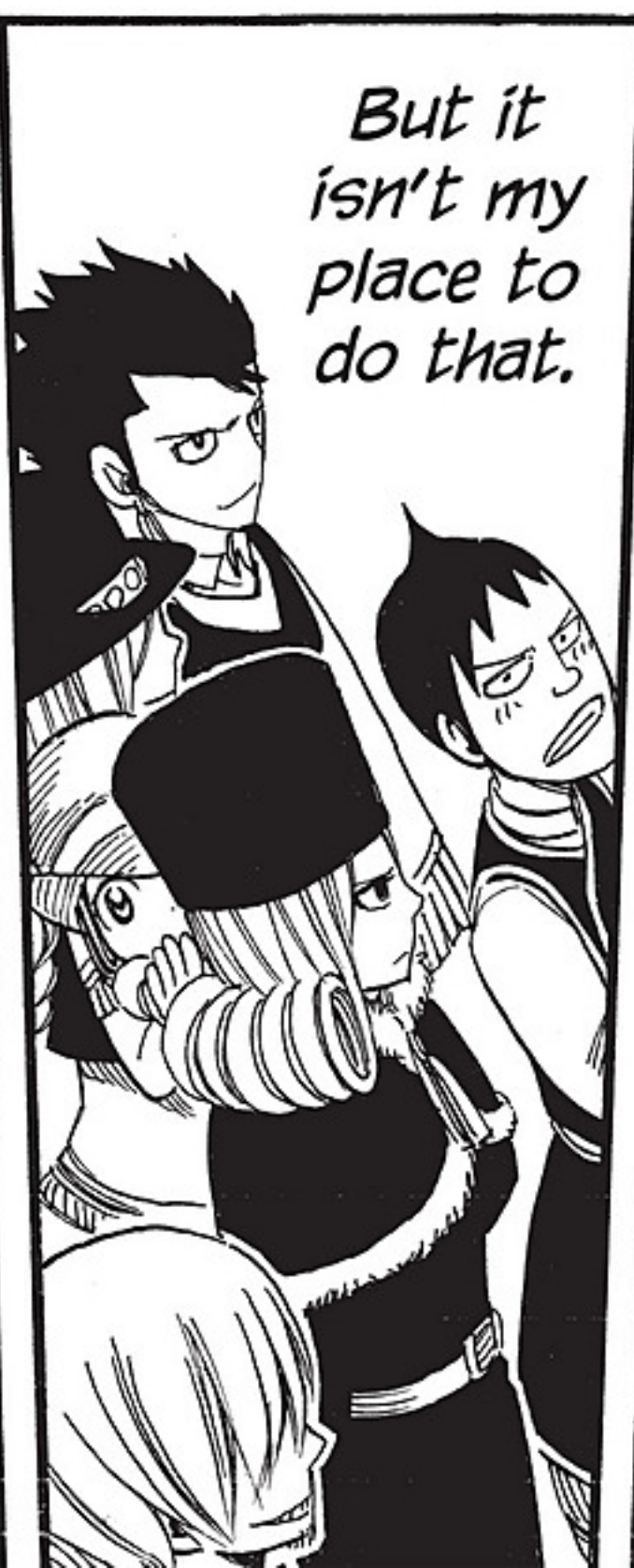


Fairy Tail is my home.

So I'll be back.



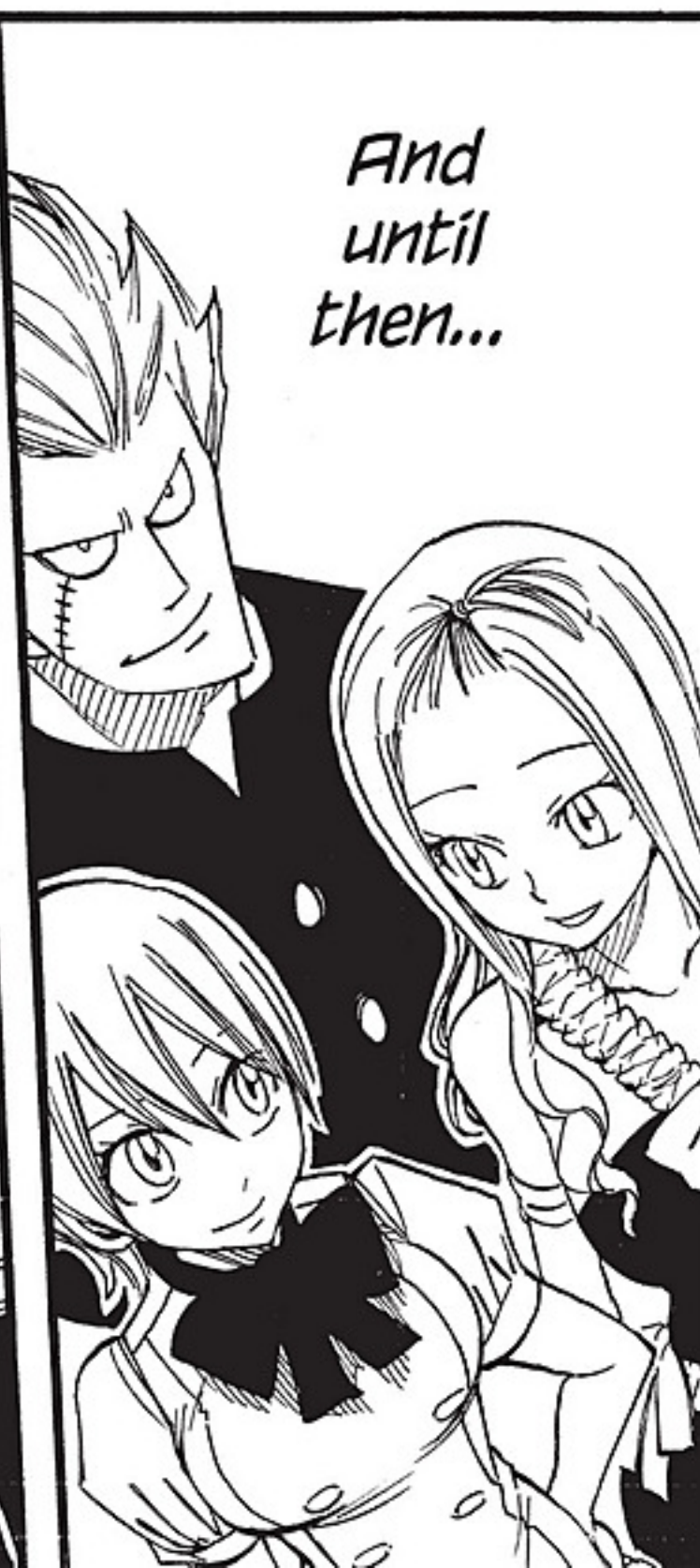
It's yours.



But it isn't my place to do that.



...I'll be hoping that Fairy Tail can become the No. 1 guild in Fiore again.

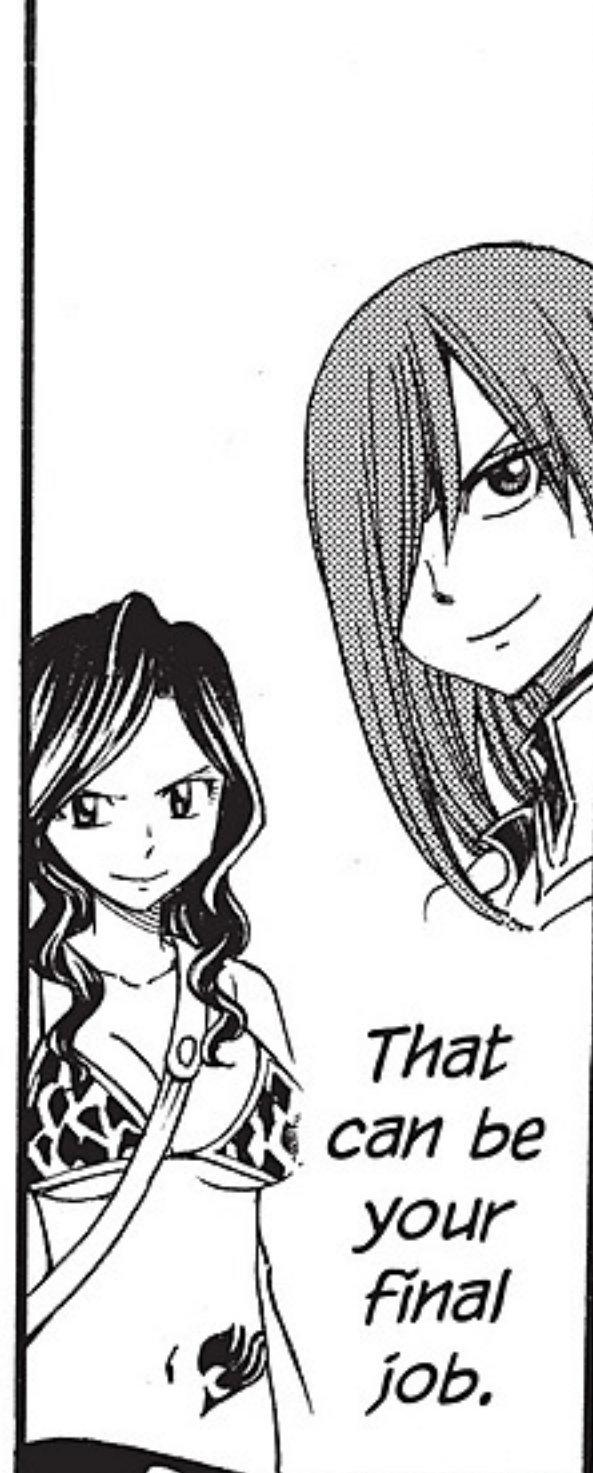


And until then...



KLNCH

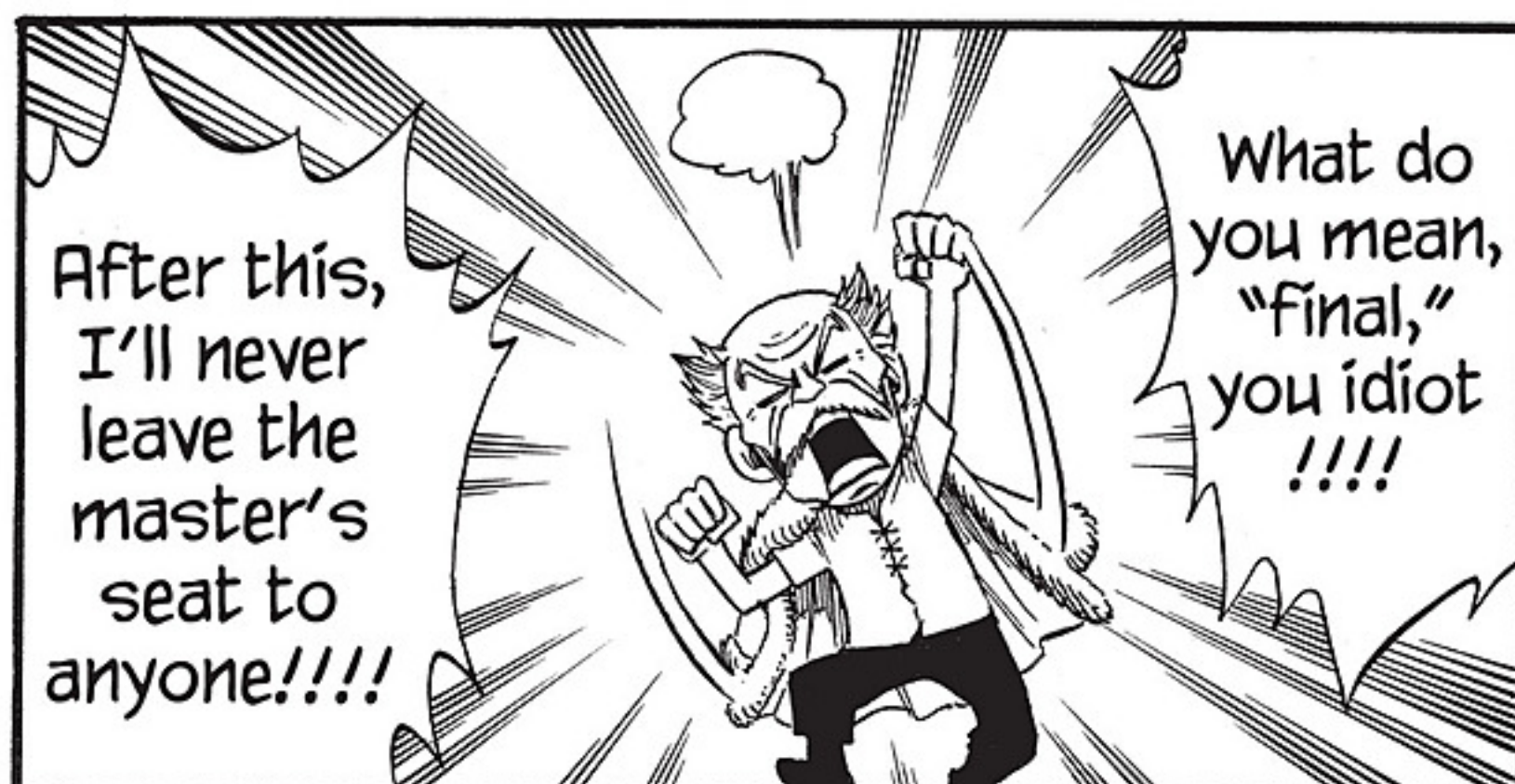
To make
Fairy Tail
once again
the greatest
guild in
Fiore!!!



That
can be
your
final
job.

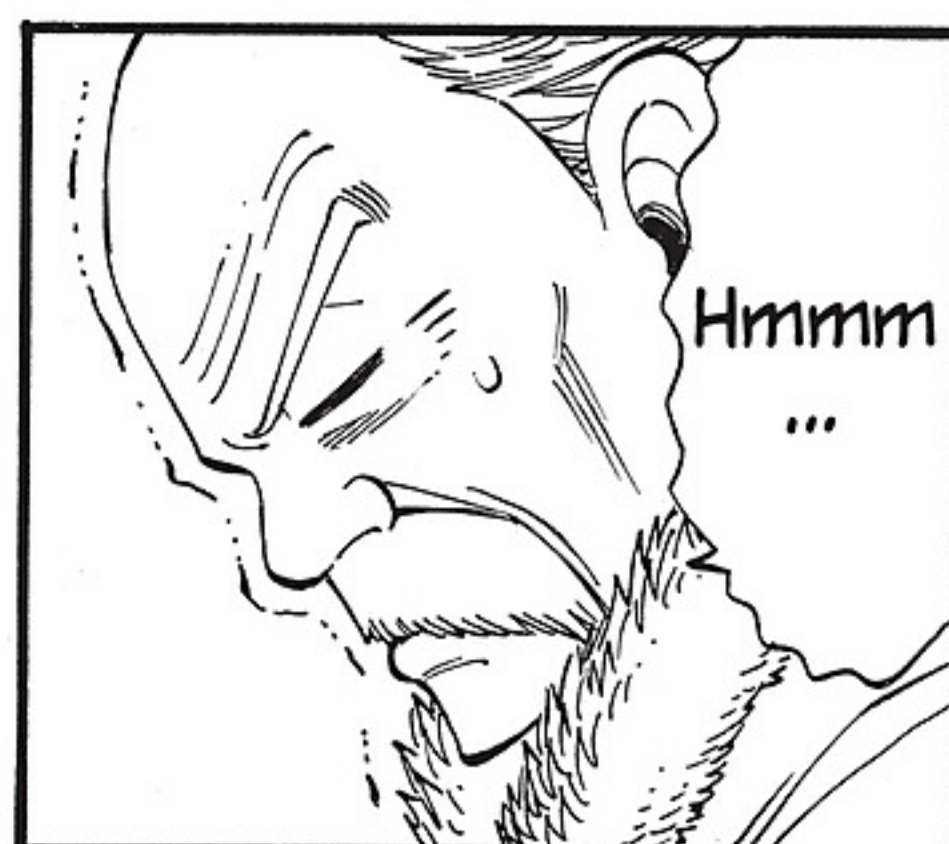


Master...

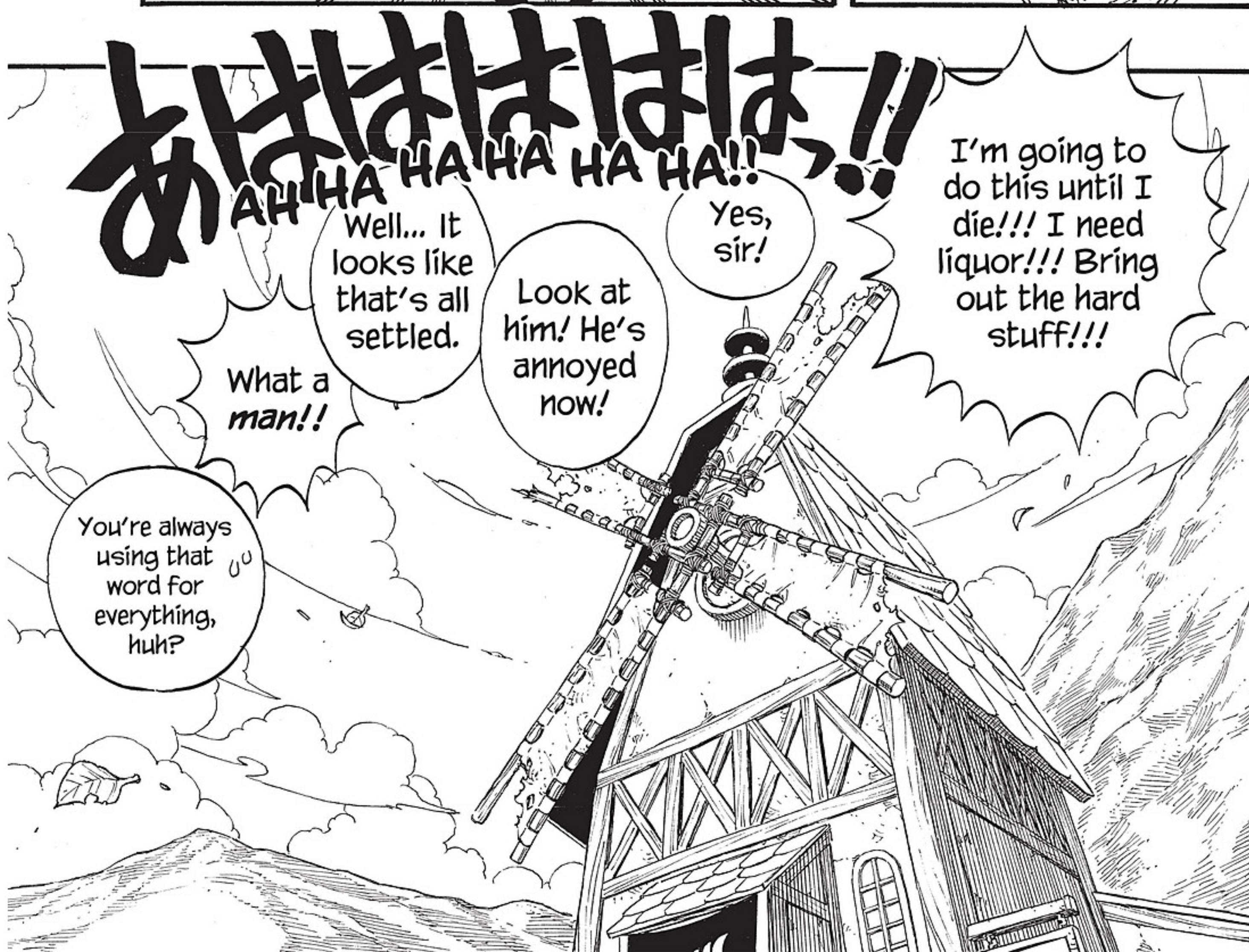


After this,
I'll never
leave the
master's
seat to
anyone!!!!

What do
you mean,
"final,"
you idiot
!!!!



Hmmm
...



あはははは!!
AH HA HA HA HA!!

Well... It
looks like
that's all
settled.

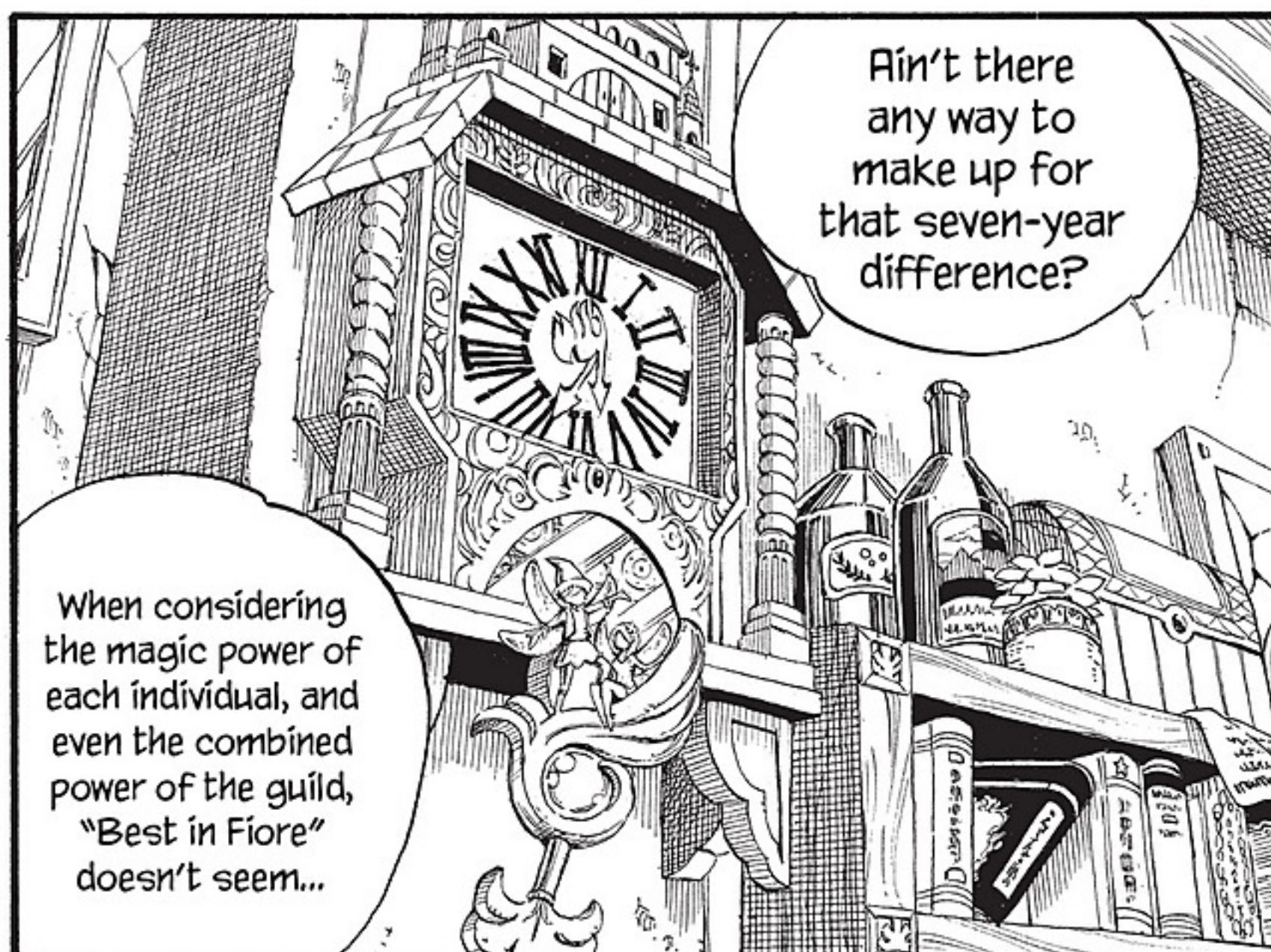
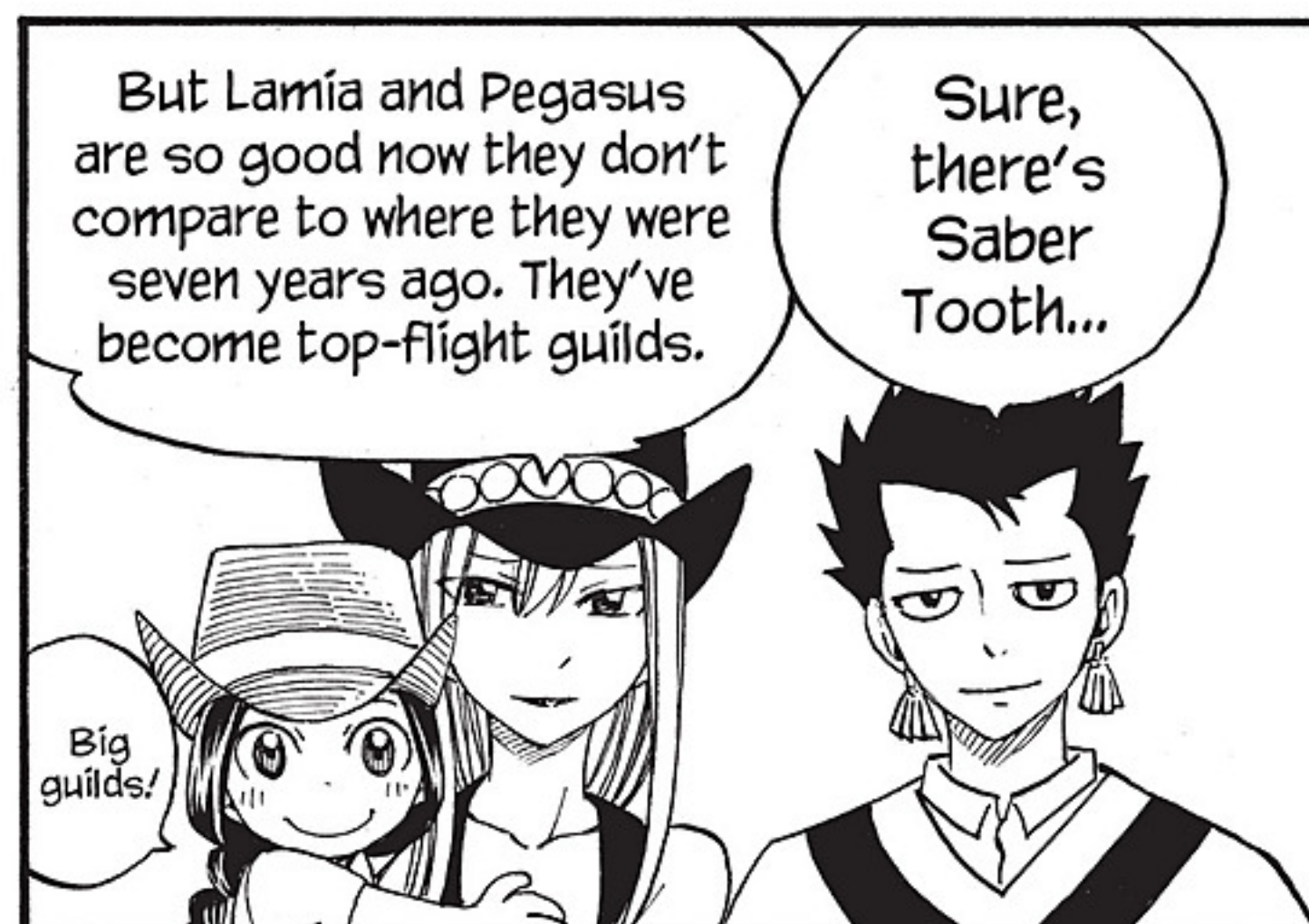
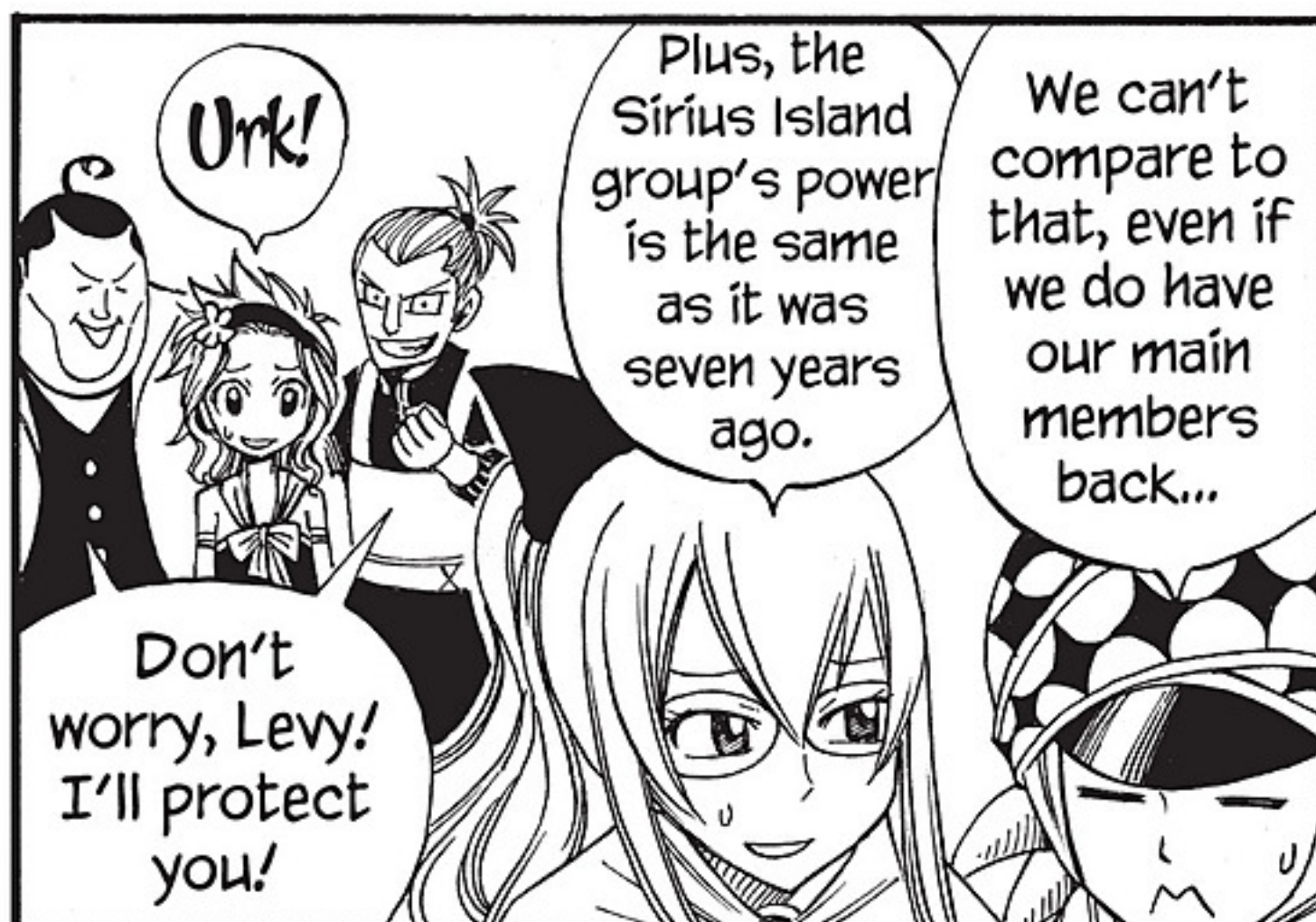
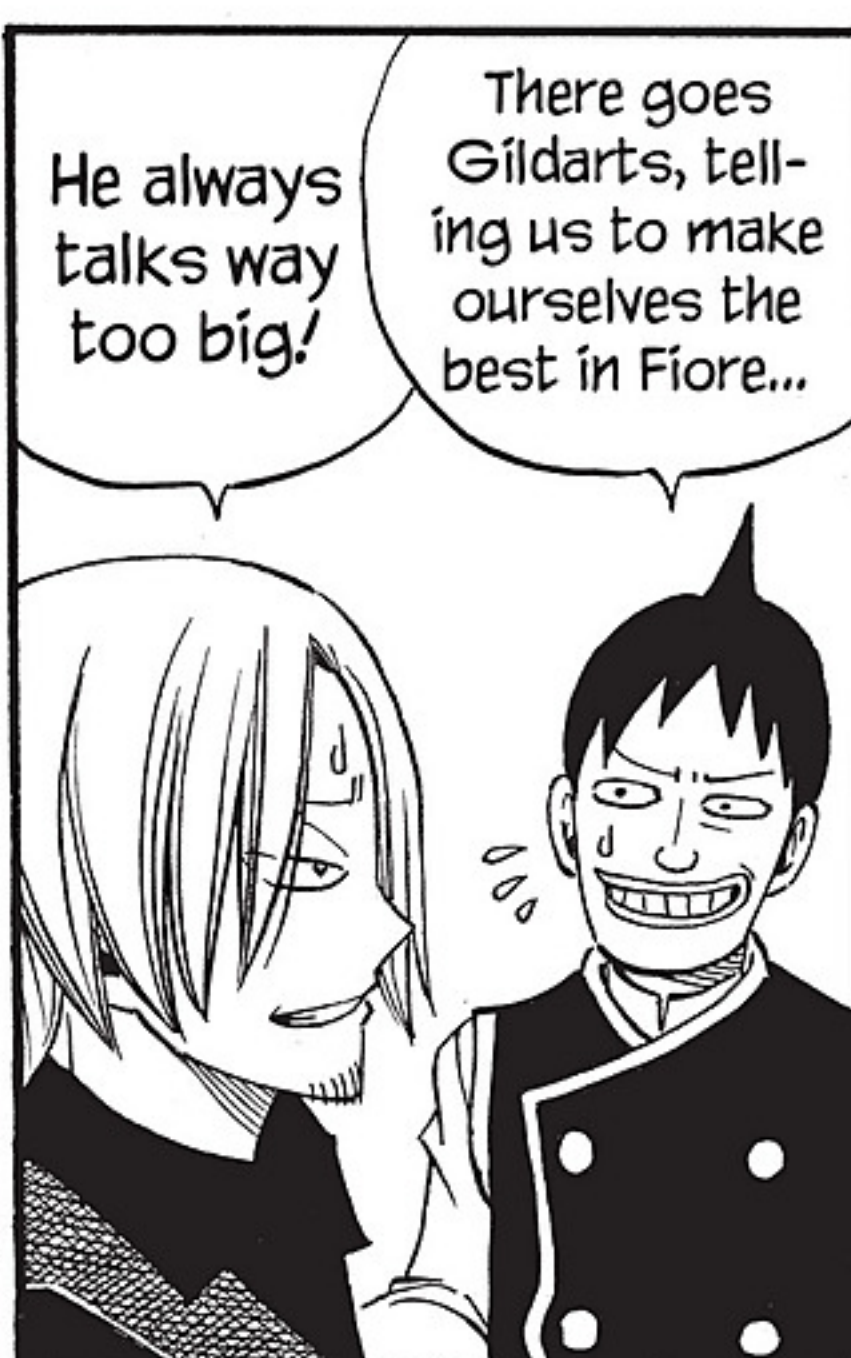
What a
man!!

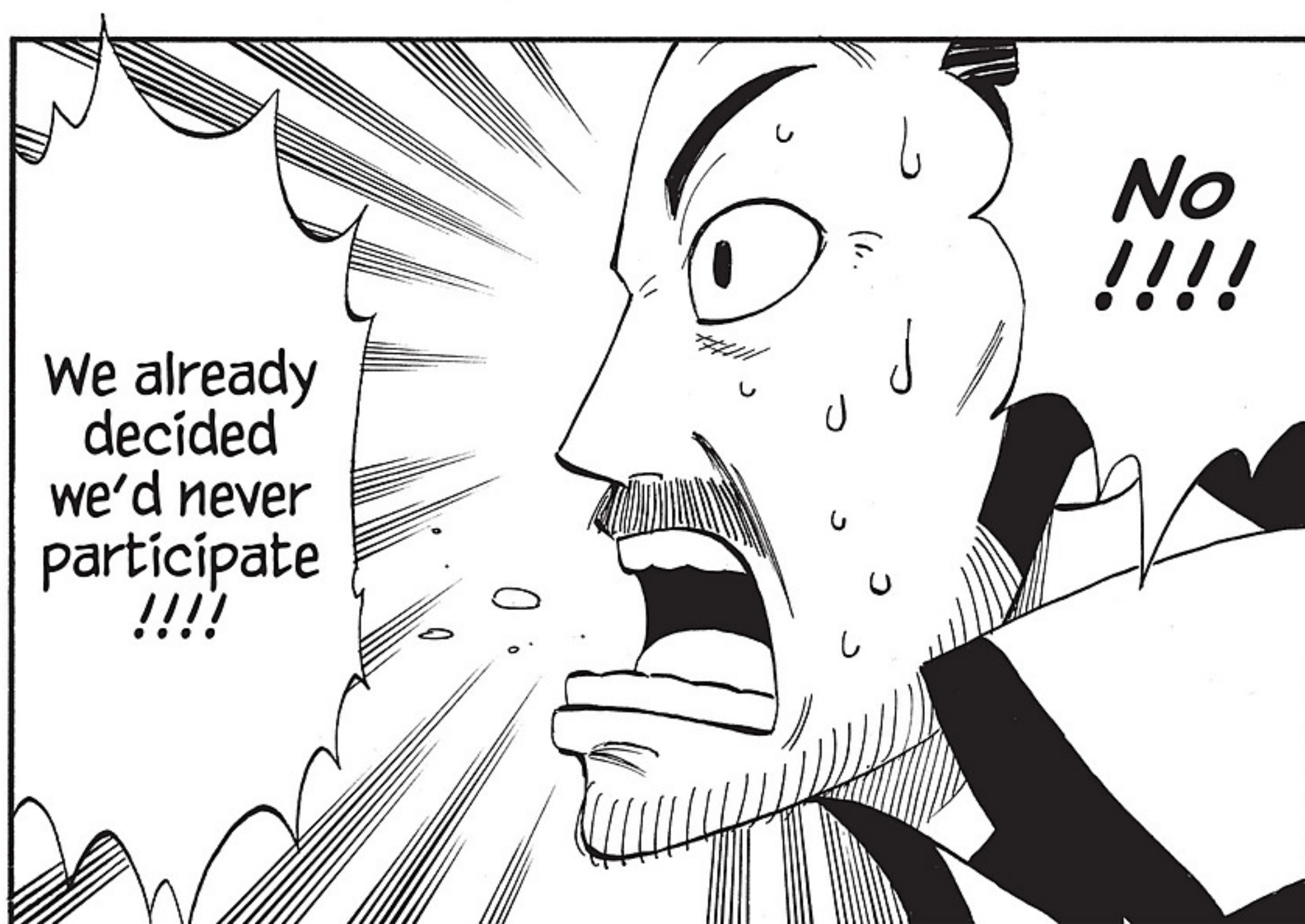
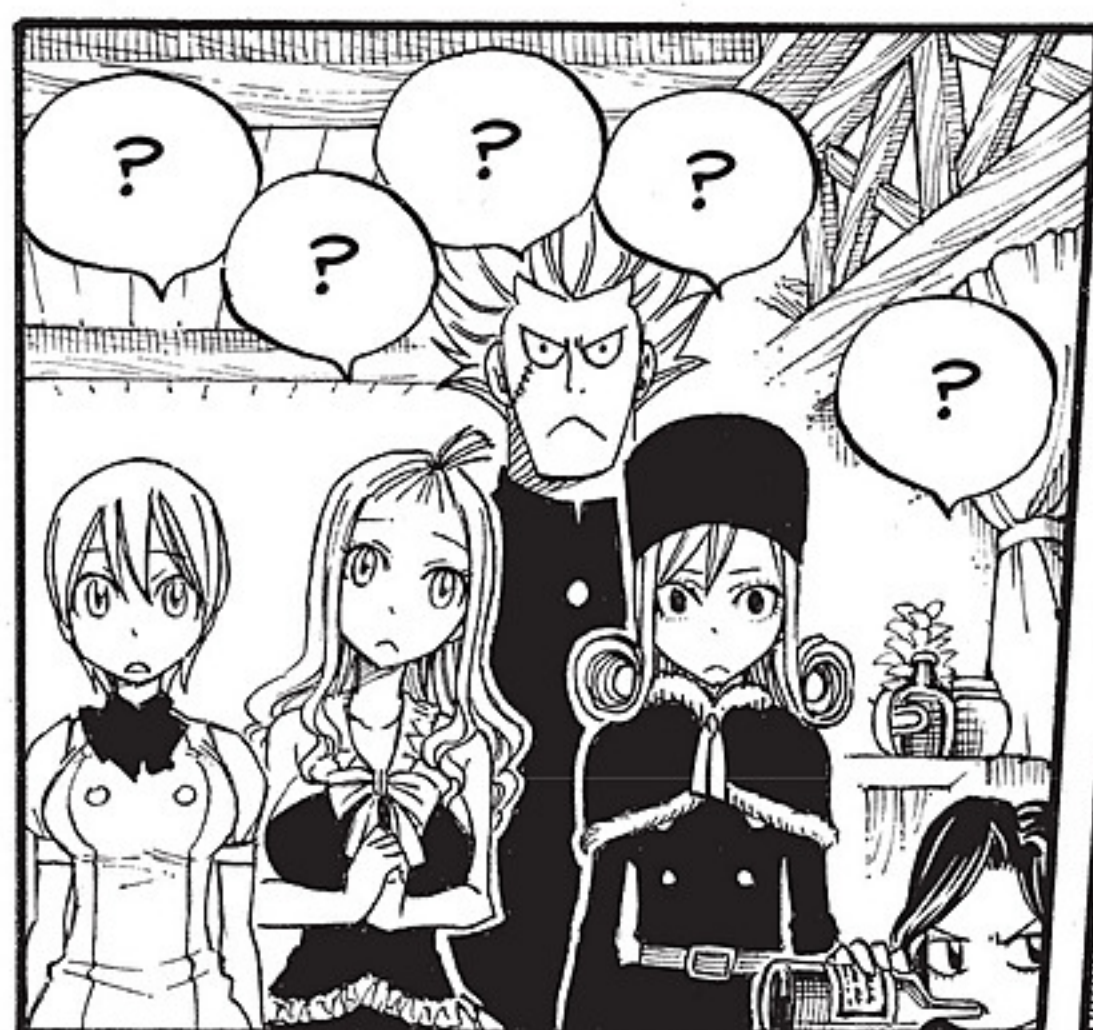
Look at
him! He's
annoyed
now!

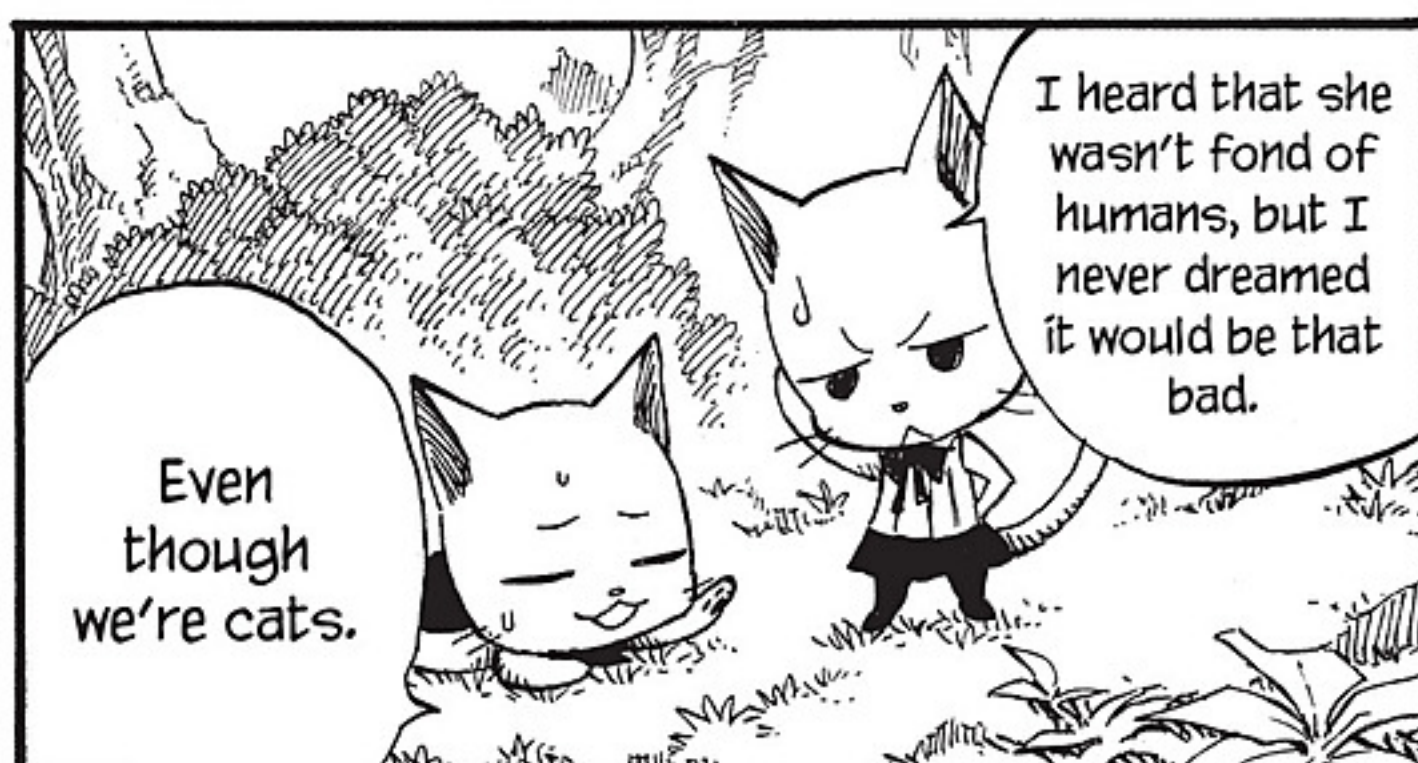
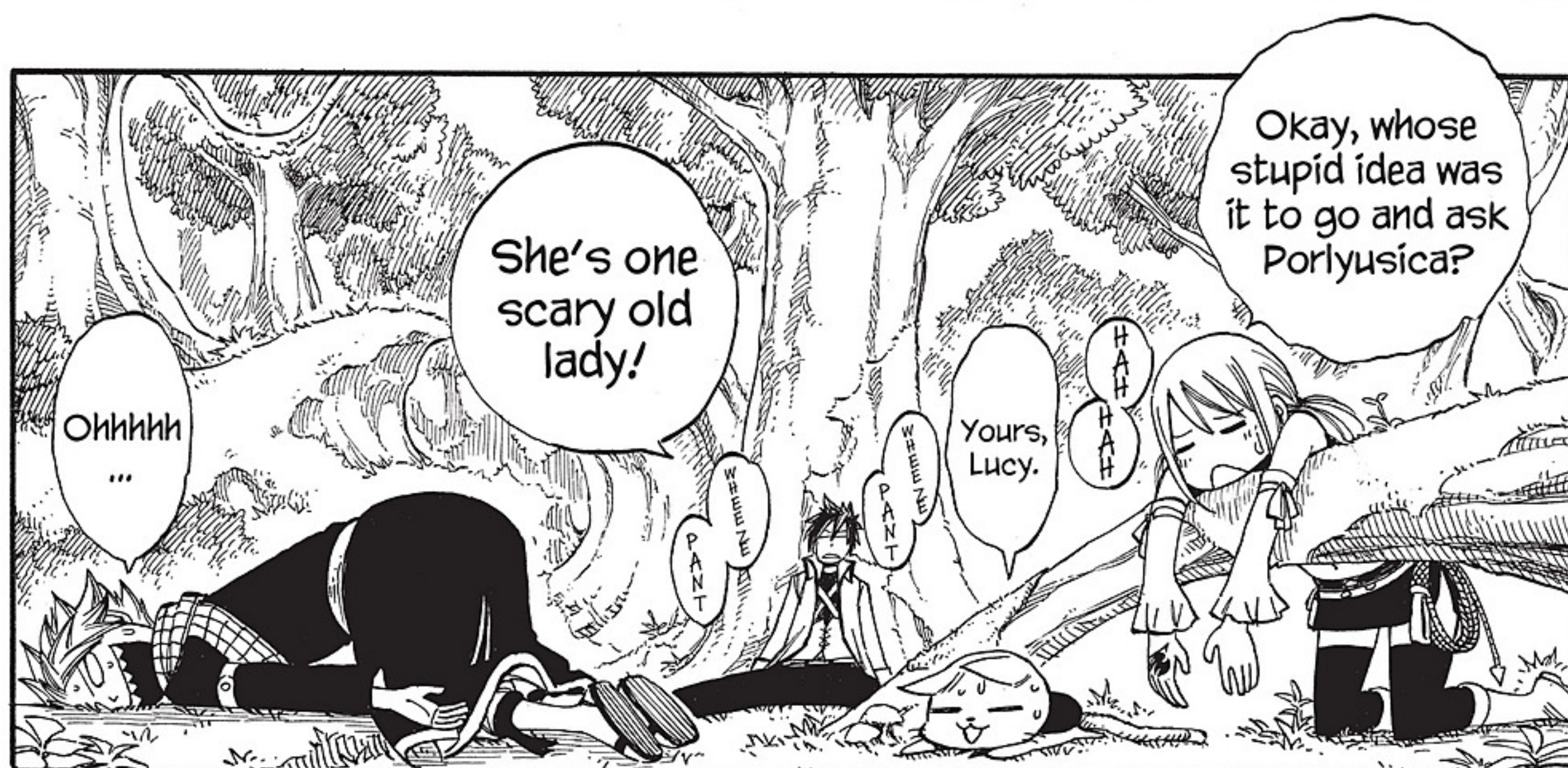
Yes,
sir!

I'm going to
do this until I
die!!! I need
liquor!!! Bring
out the hard
stuff!!!

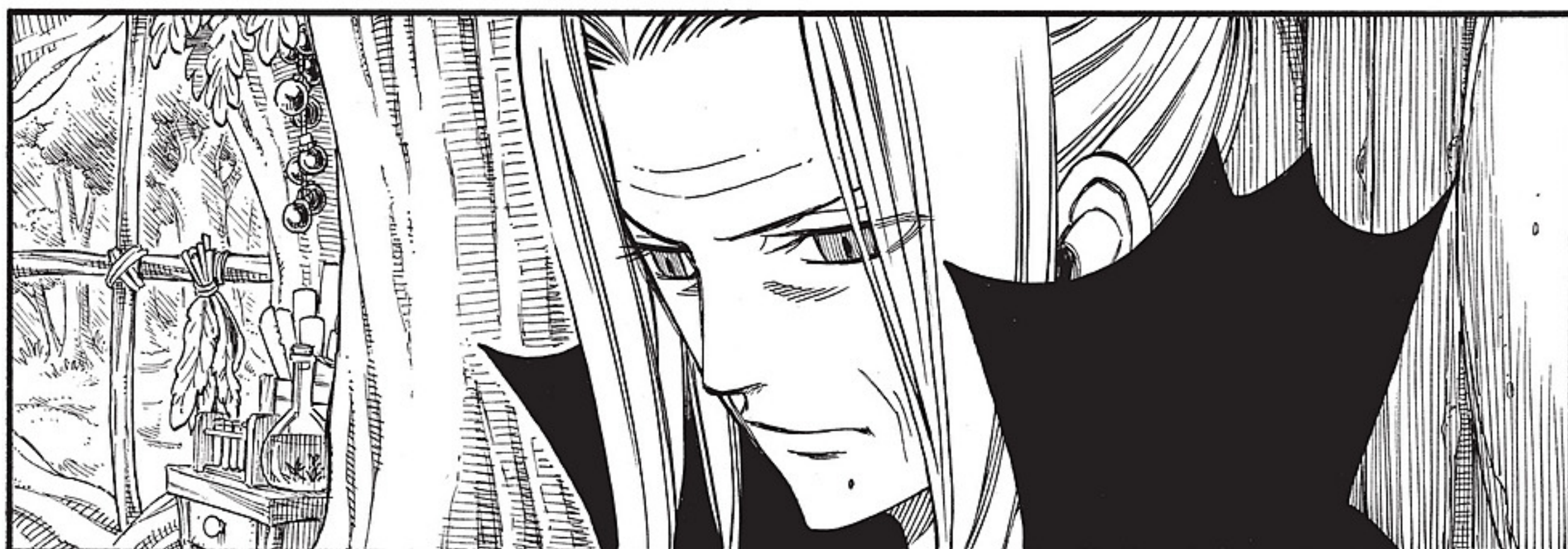
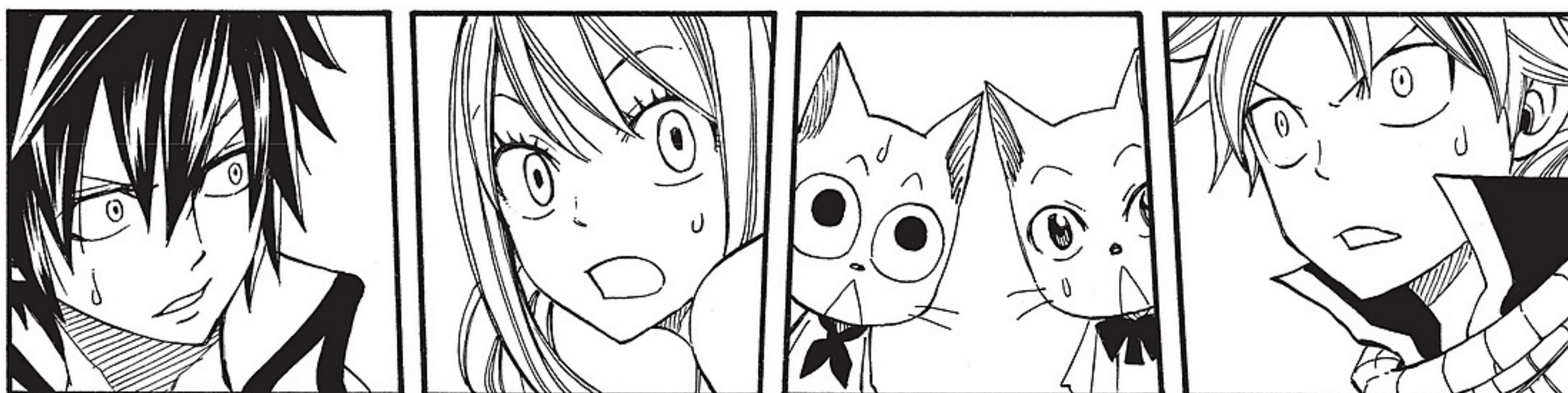
You're always
using that
word for
everything,
huh?



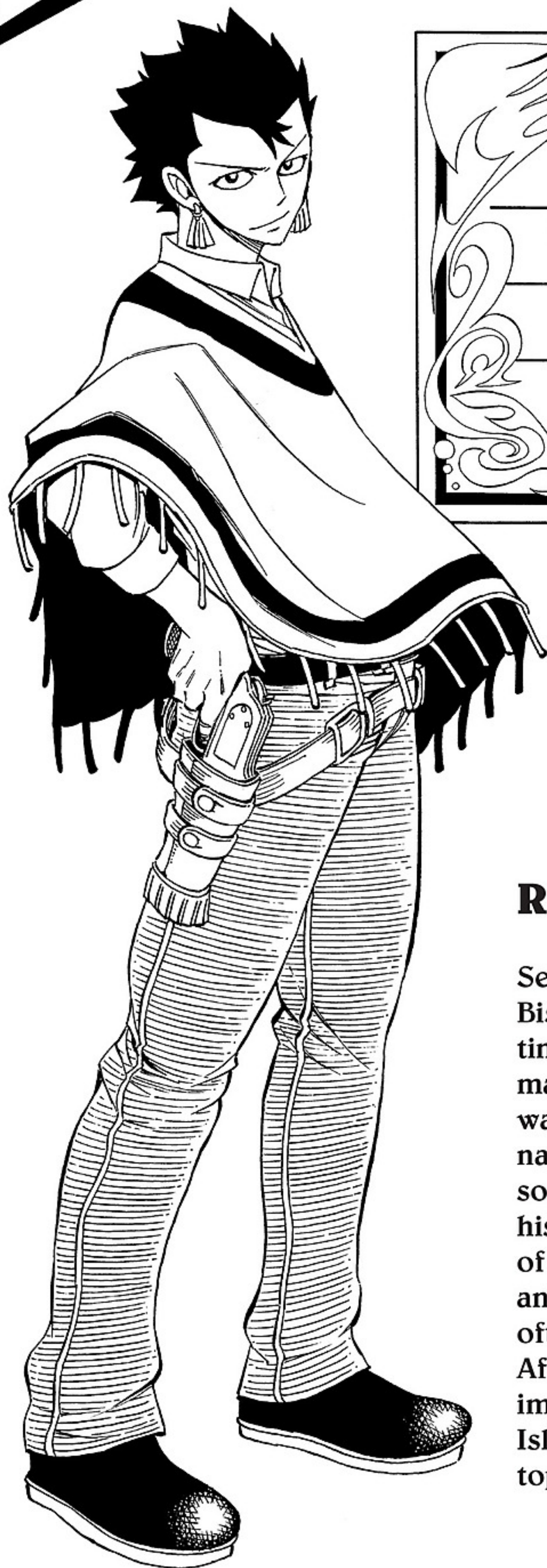








FAIRY TAIL



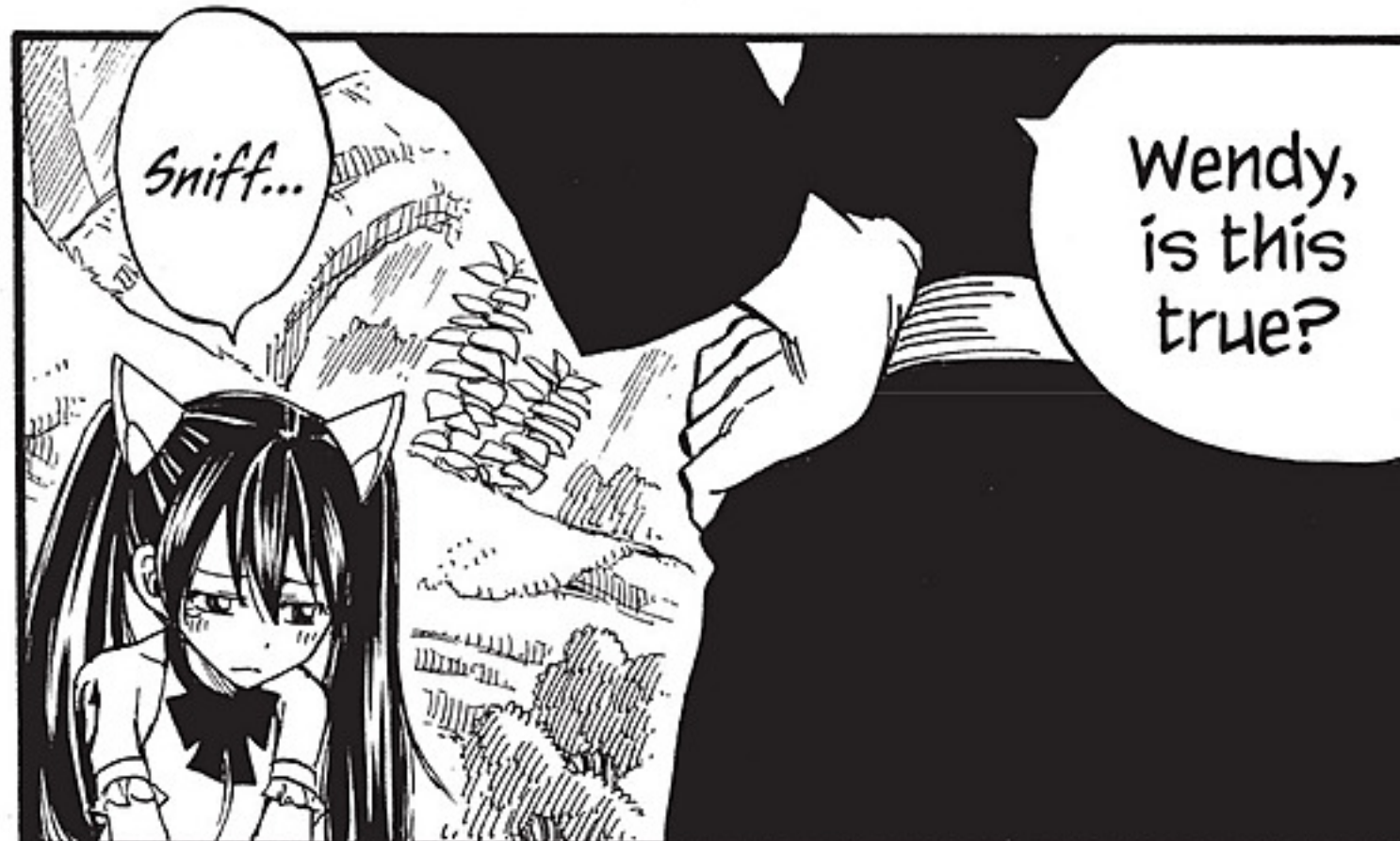
FAIRY TAIL	
Name:	Alzack Connel
Age:	25
Magic:	Guns Magic
Likes:	Bisca, Asuka
Dislikes:	Spicy foods

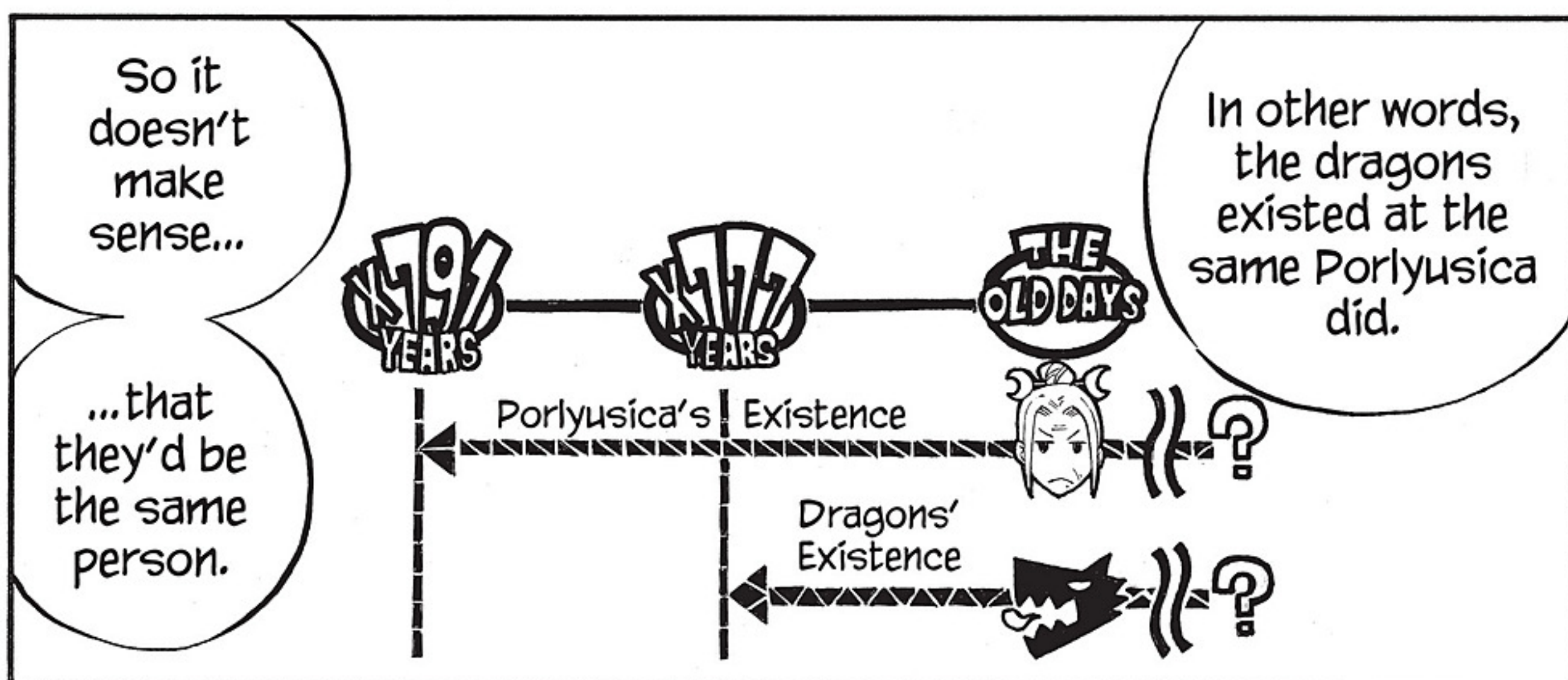
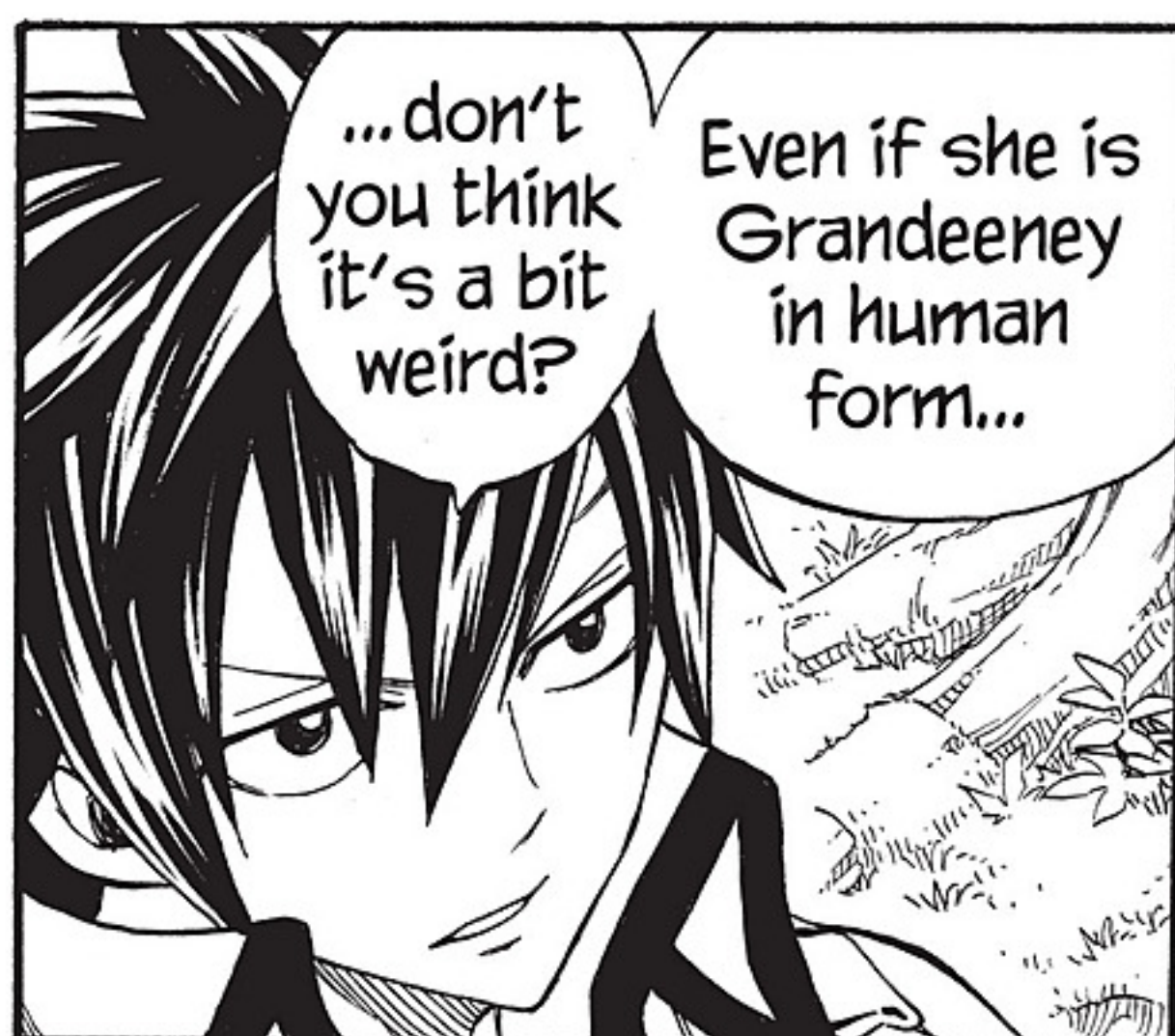


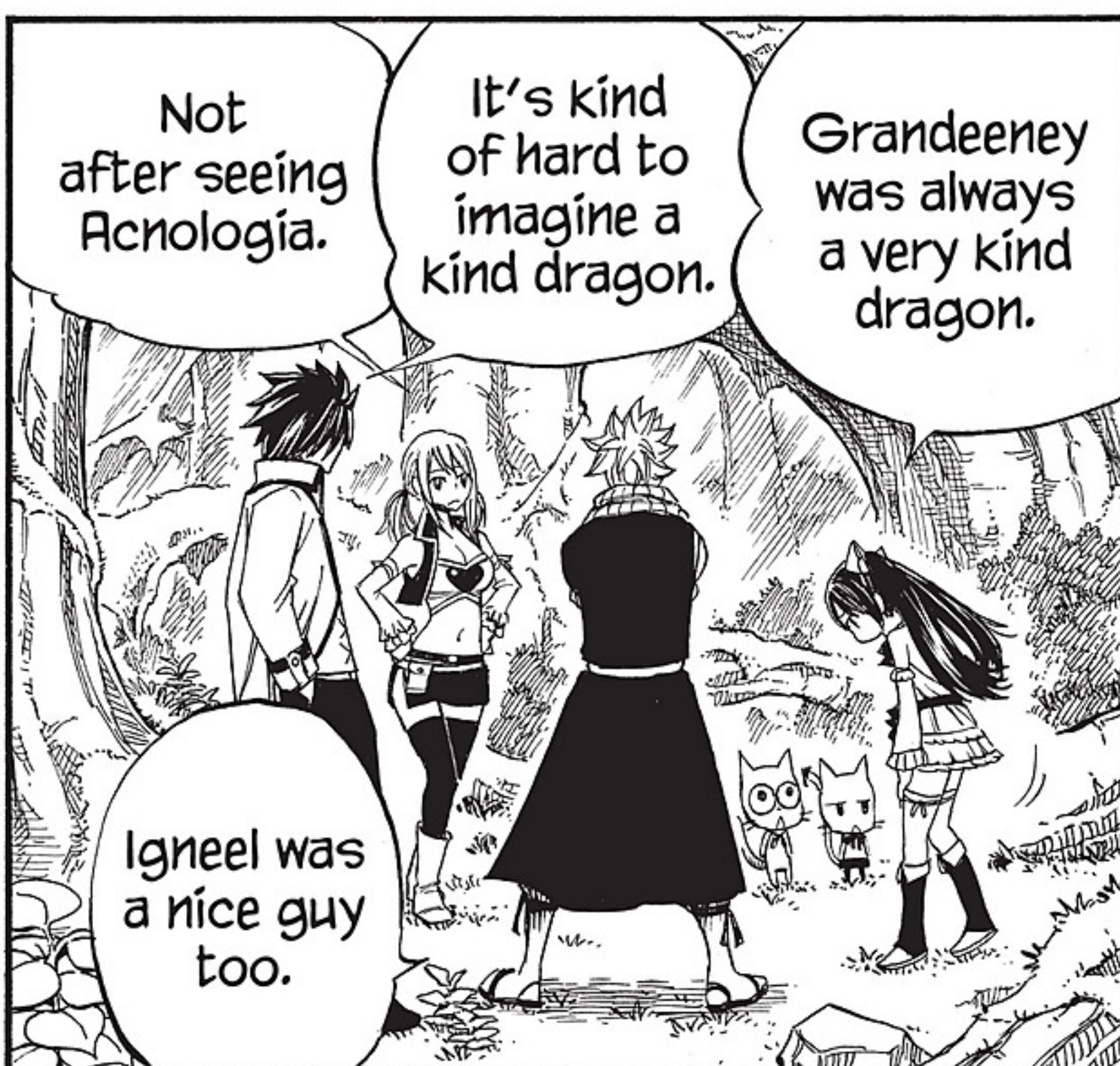
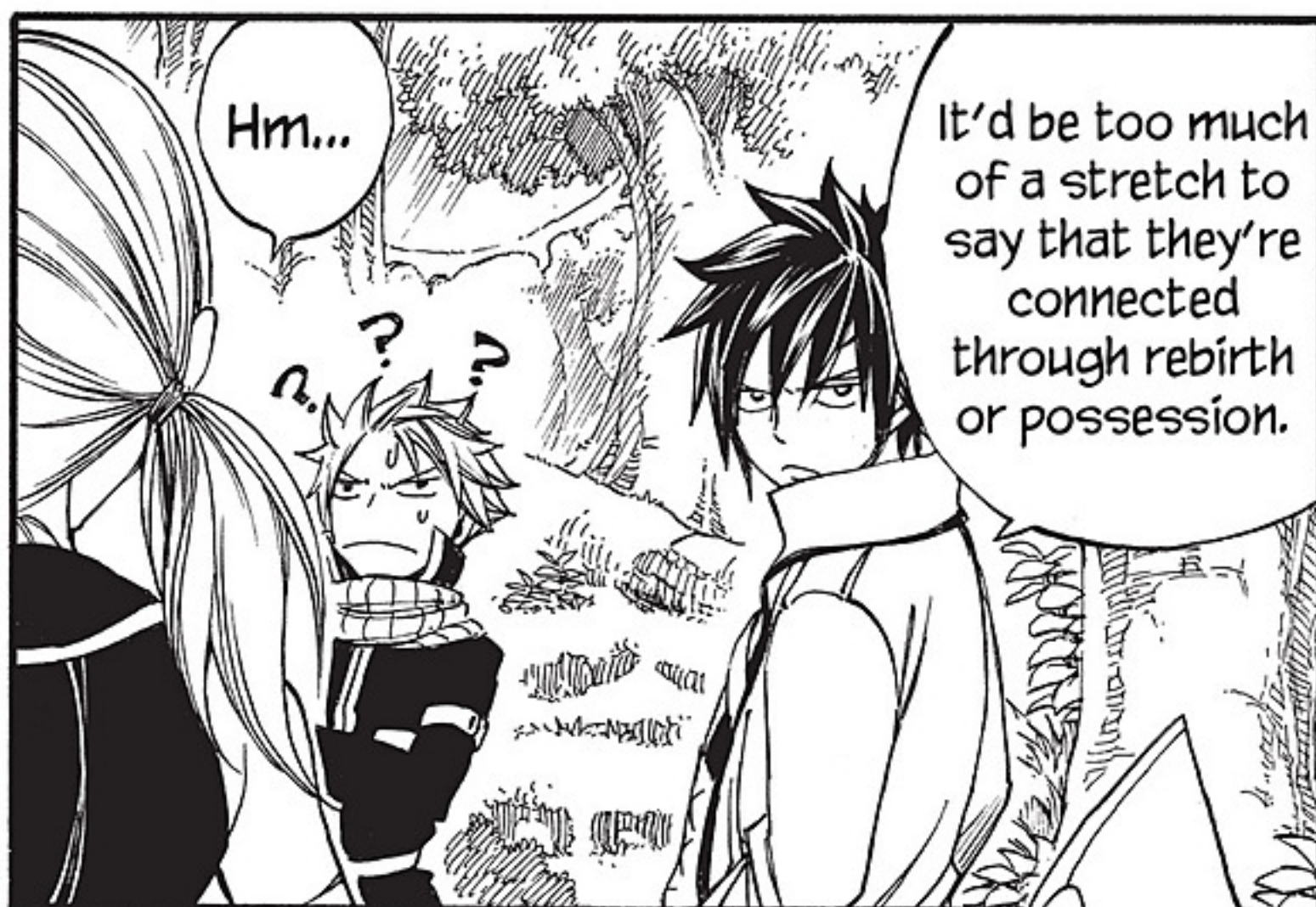
Chapter 260: And We're Going to Aim for the Top

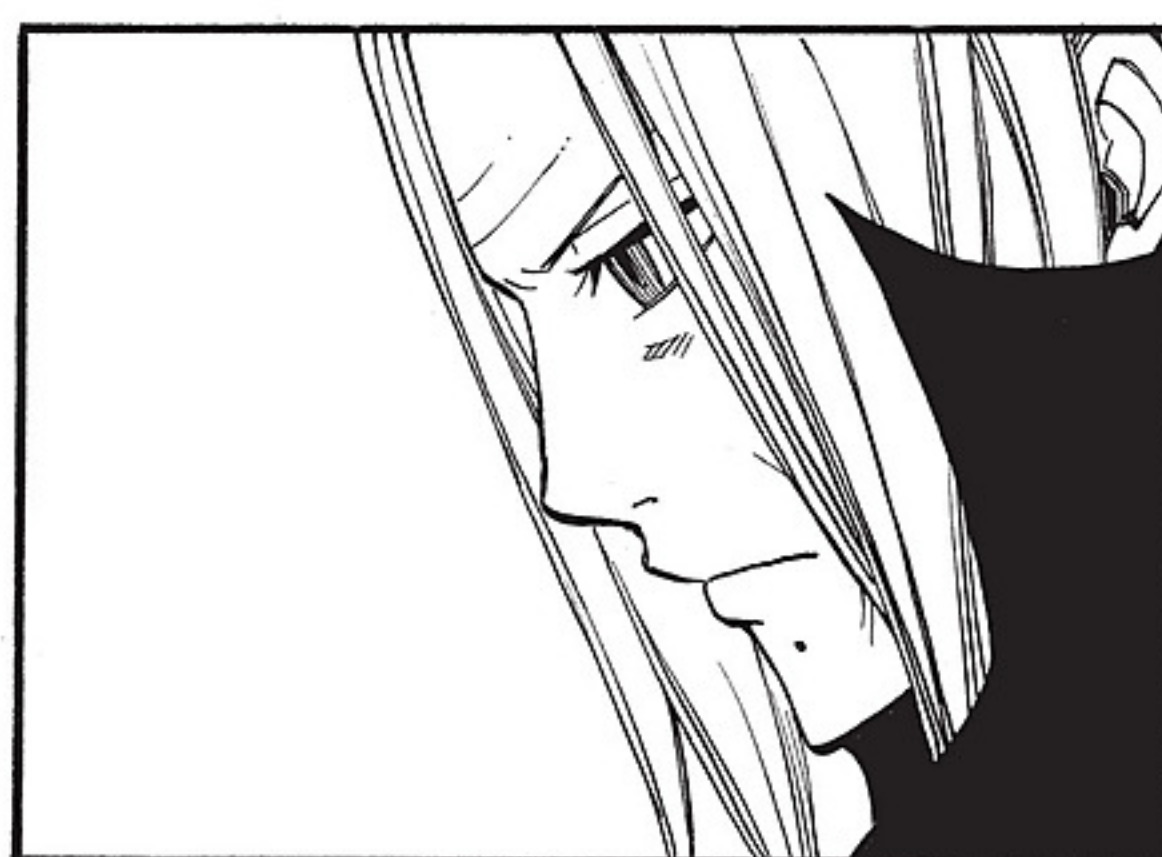
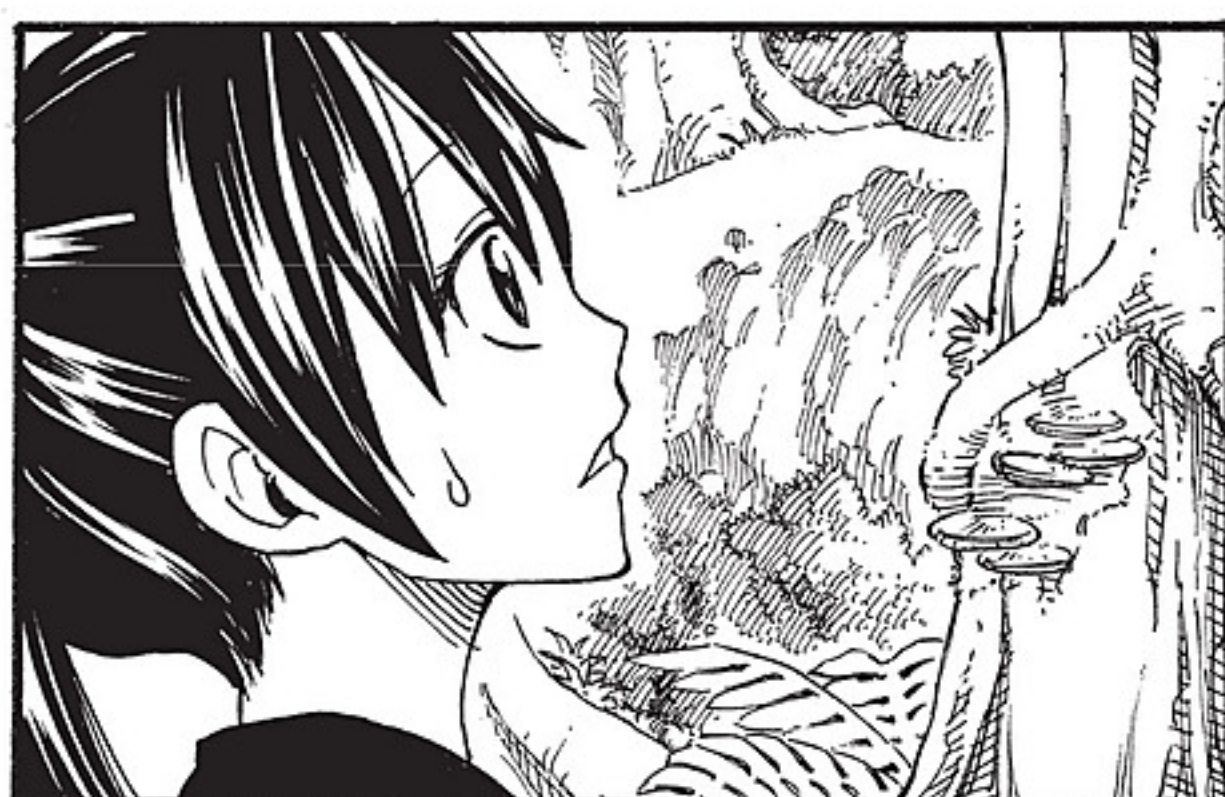
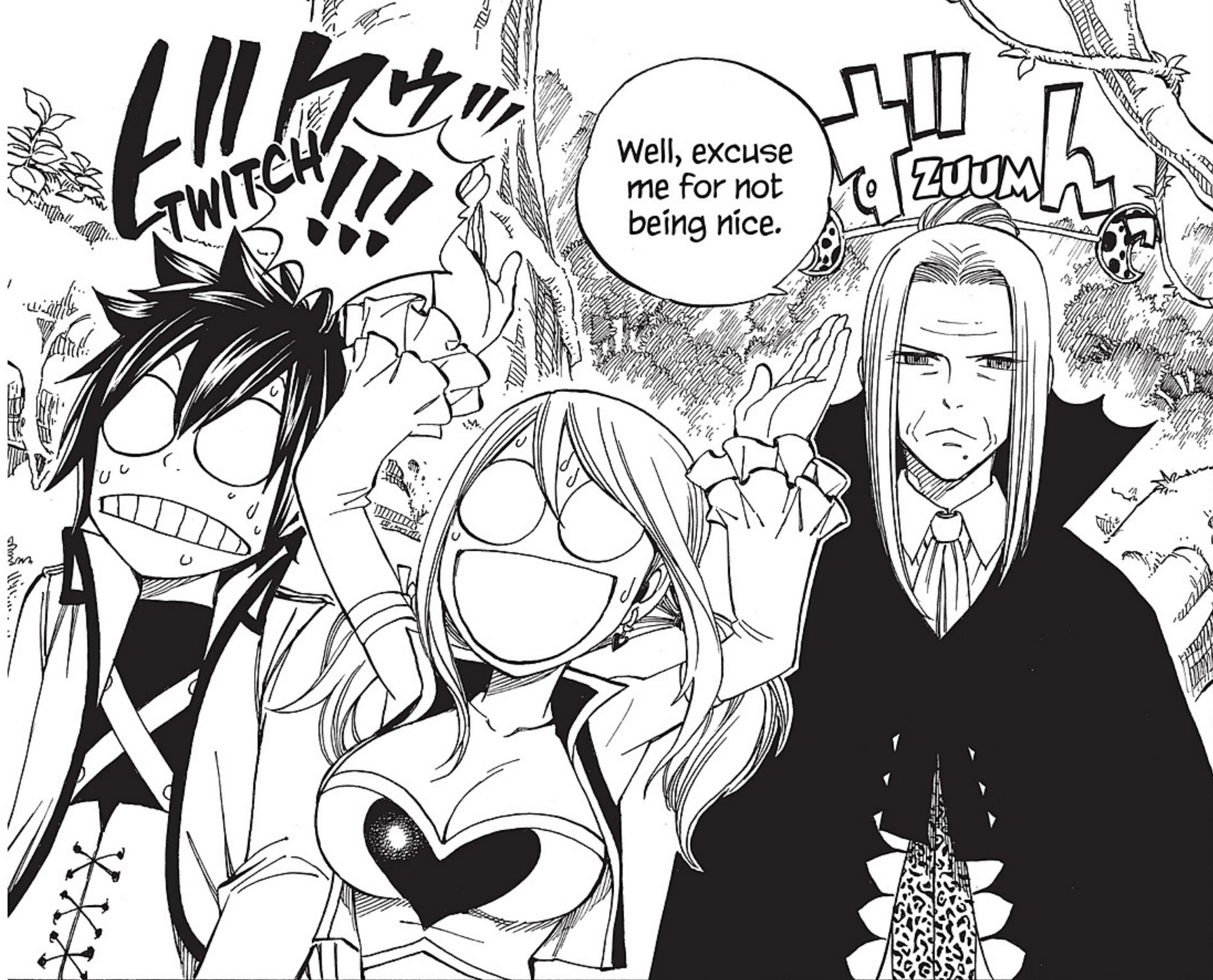
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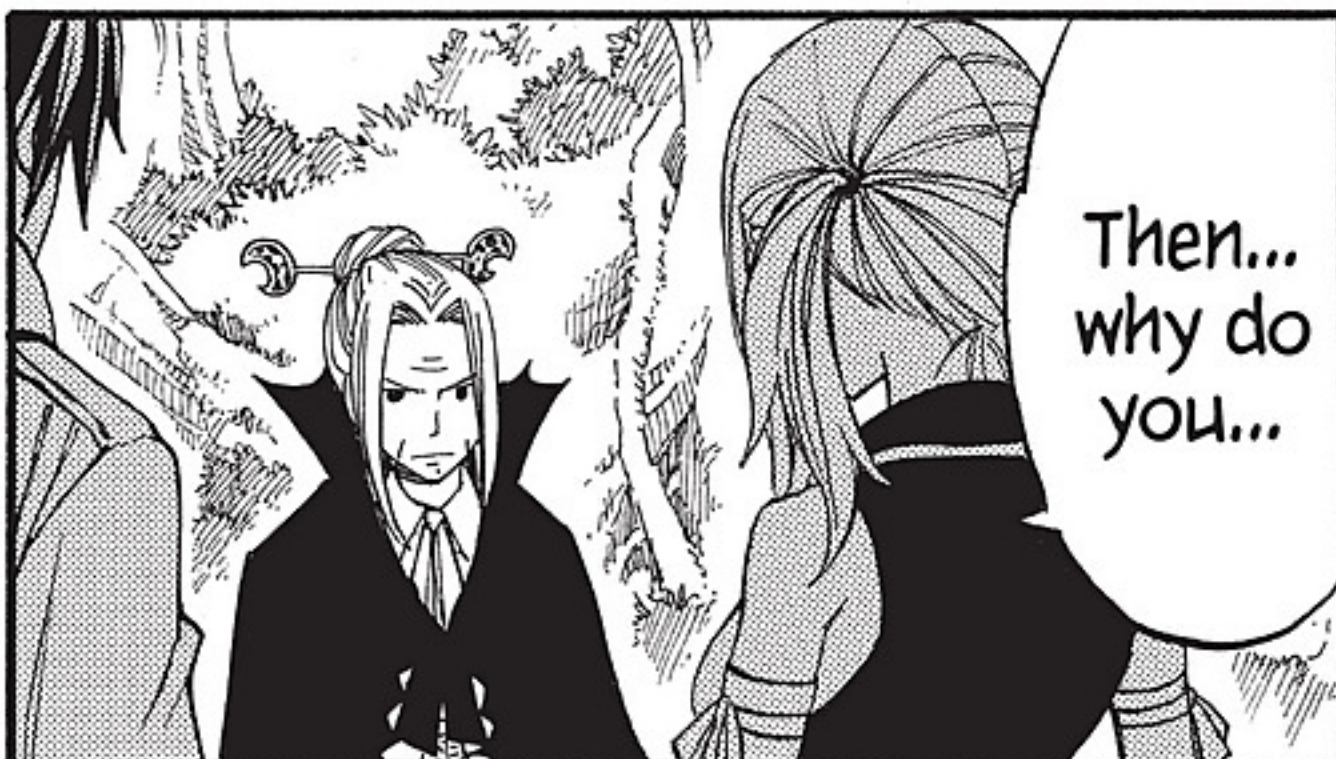
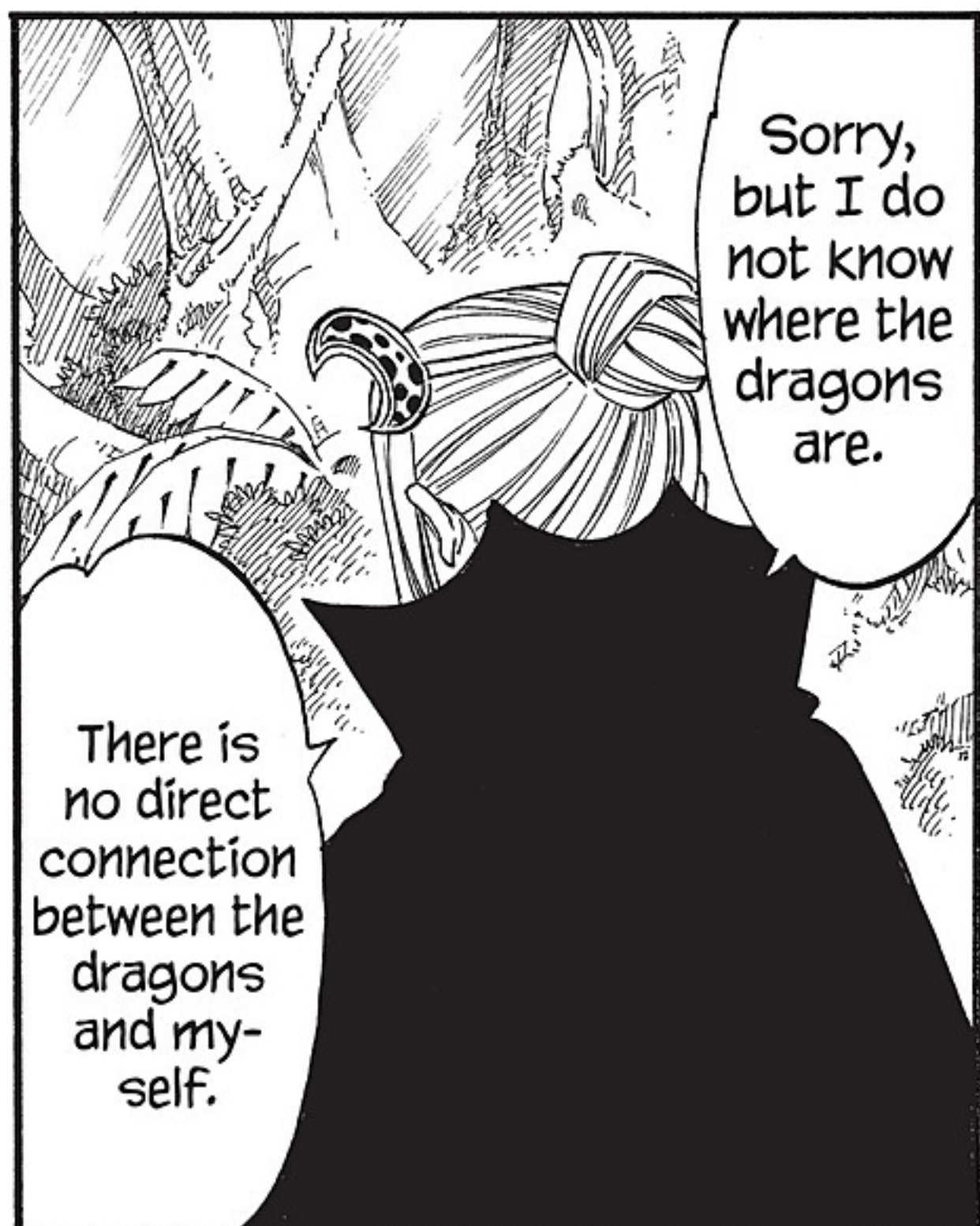
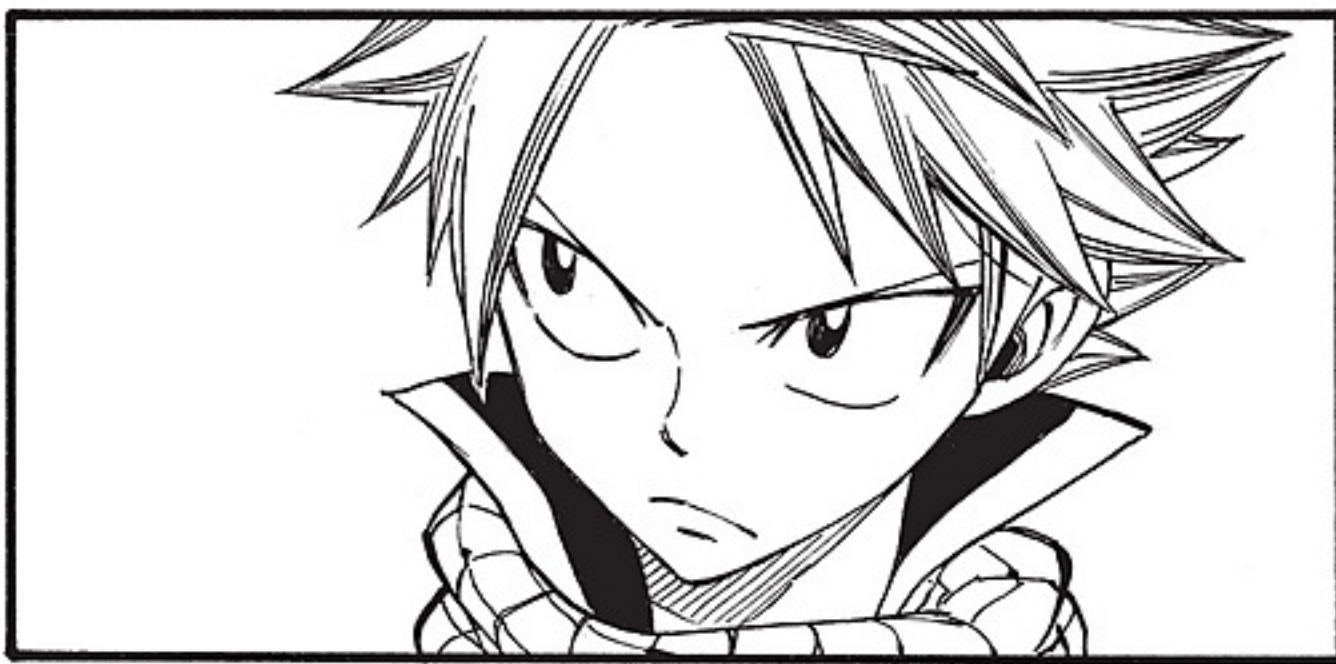
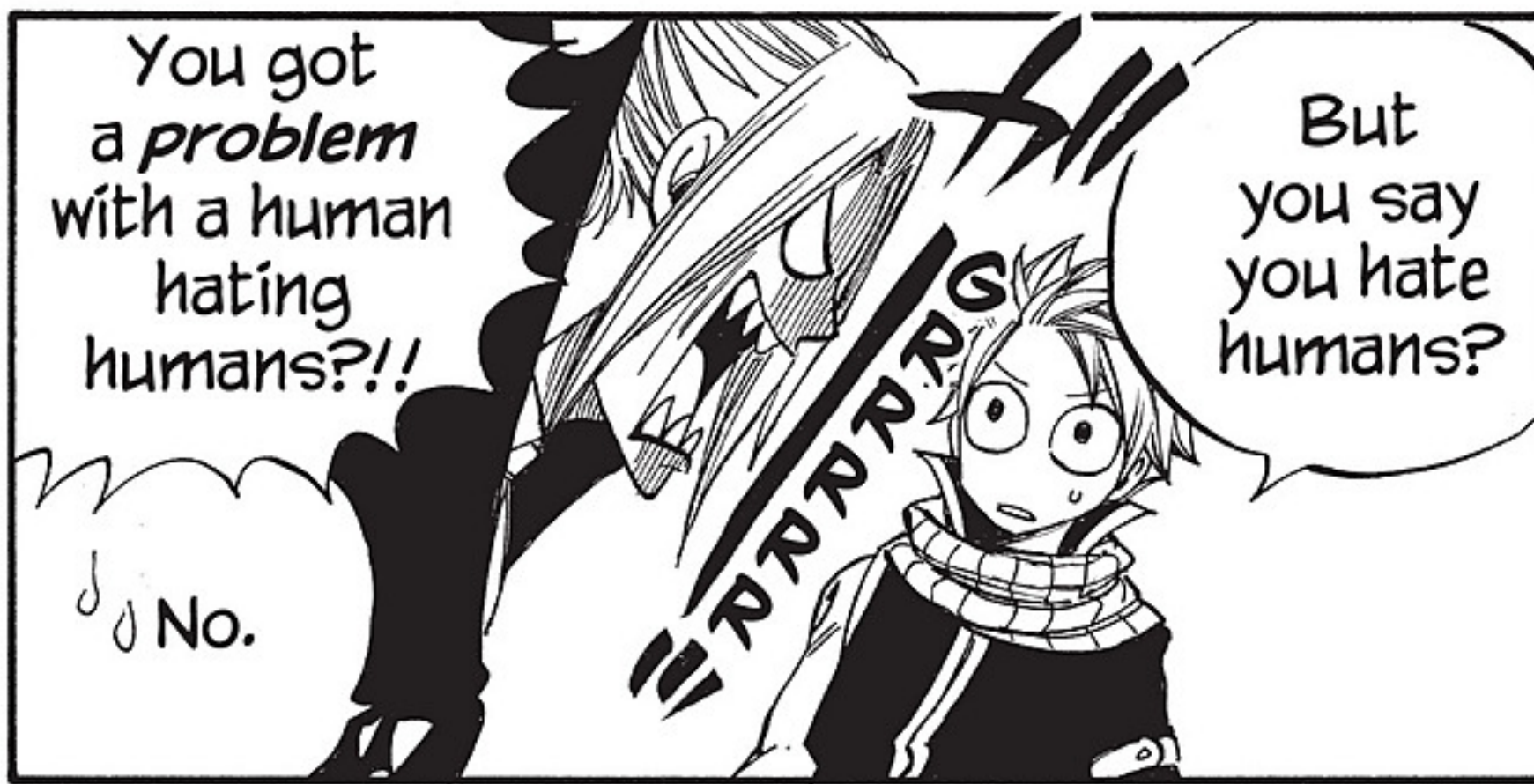
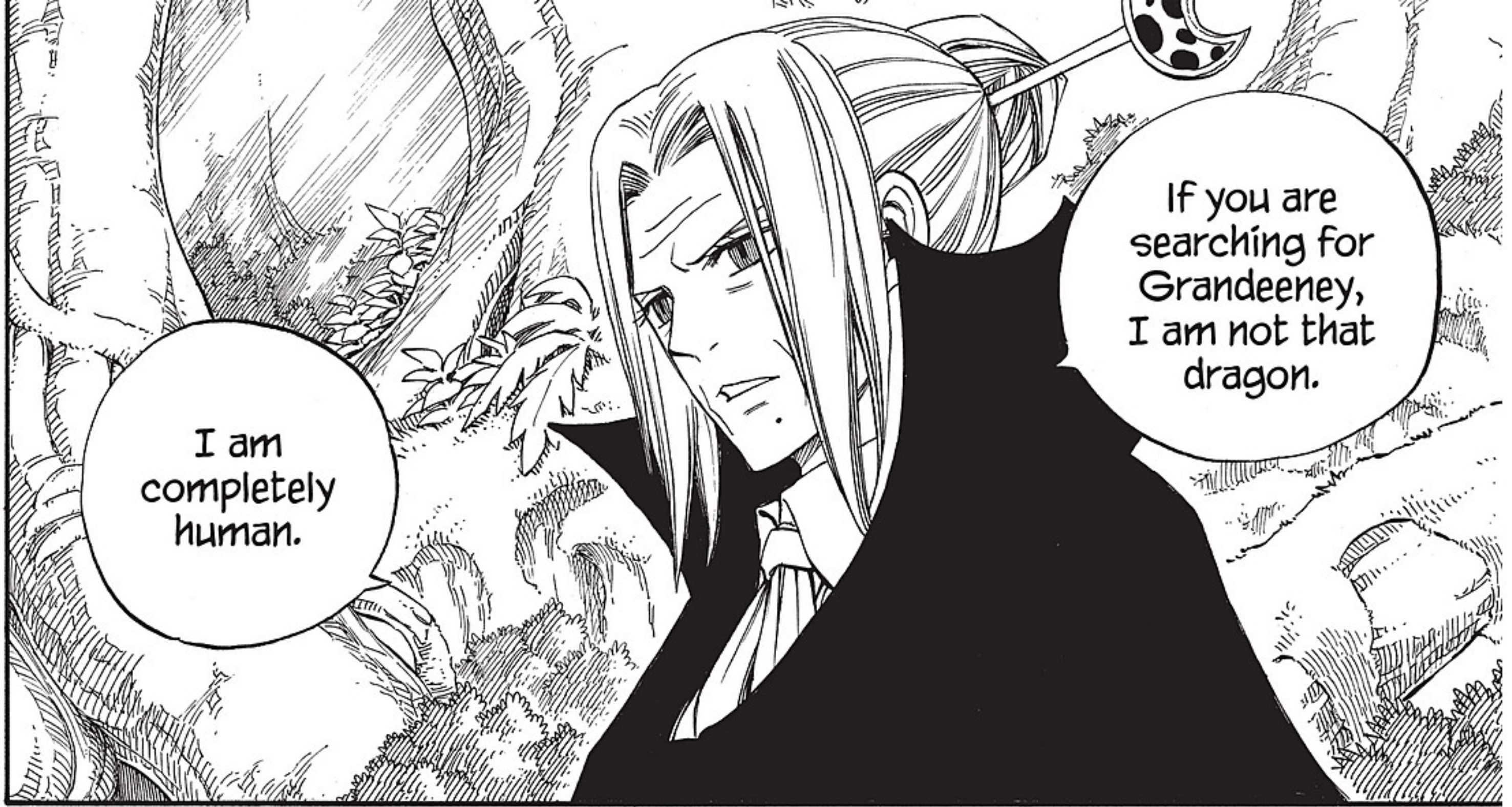
Seven years earlier he fell in love with Bisca, but he could never find the right time to tell her. In X785, they were finally married after Bisca became pregnant. It was Bisca who proposed. Their daughter's name, Asuka, comes from Alzack's "A" sound and Bisca's "ka" sound. He loves his daughter so much that the very sight of her can make his wounds stop hurting, and he brings her to the guild building often. Everyone in the guild loves Asuka. After seven years, his abilities have improved quite a lot, and before the Sirius Island group returned, he was one of the top-class wizards in the guild.

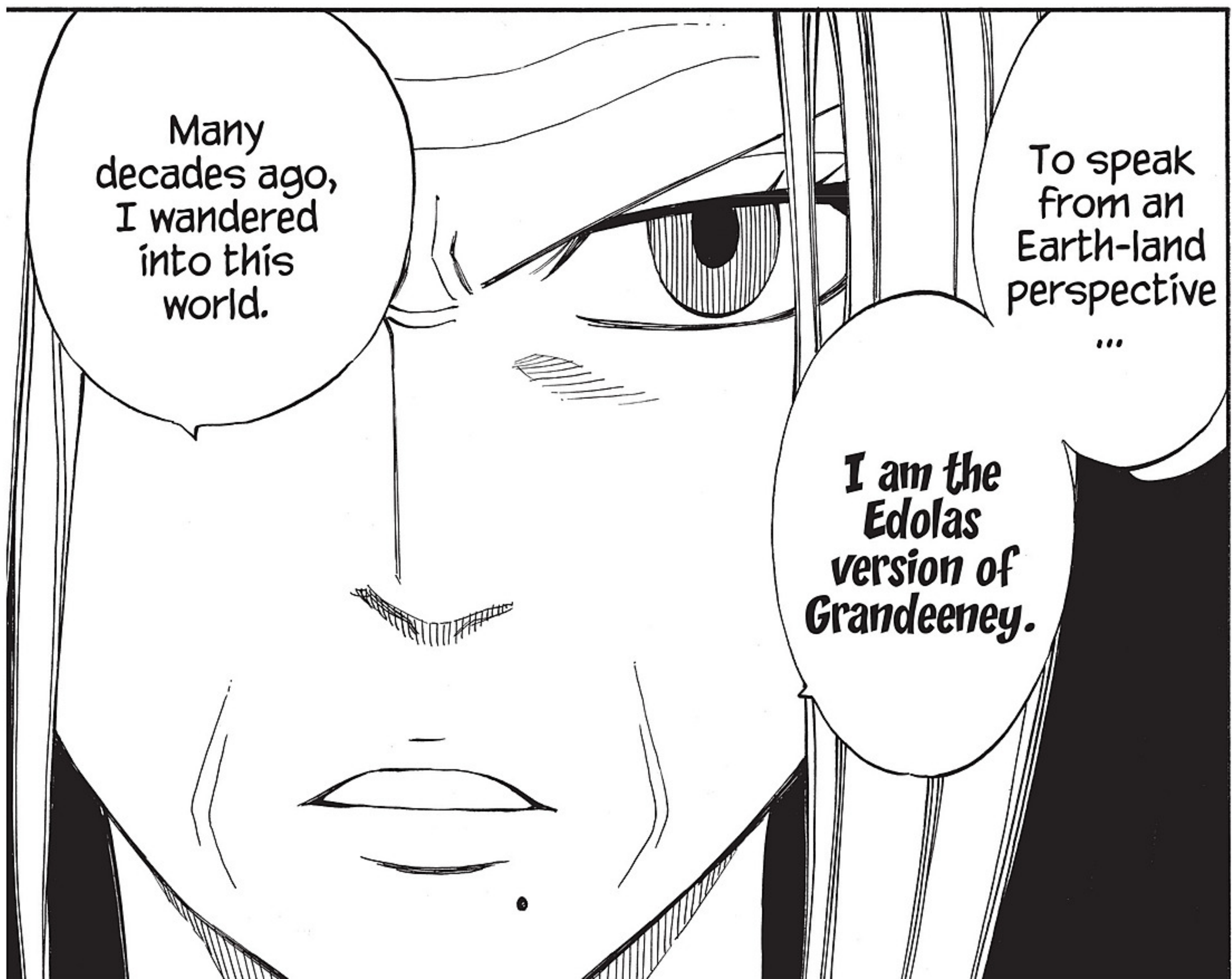
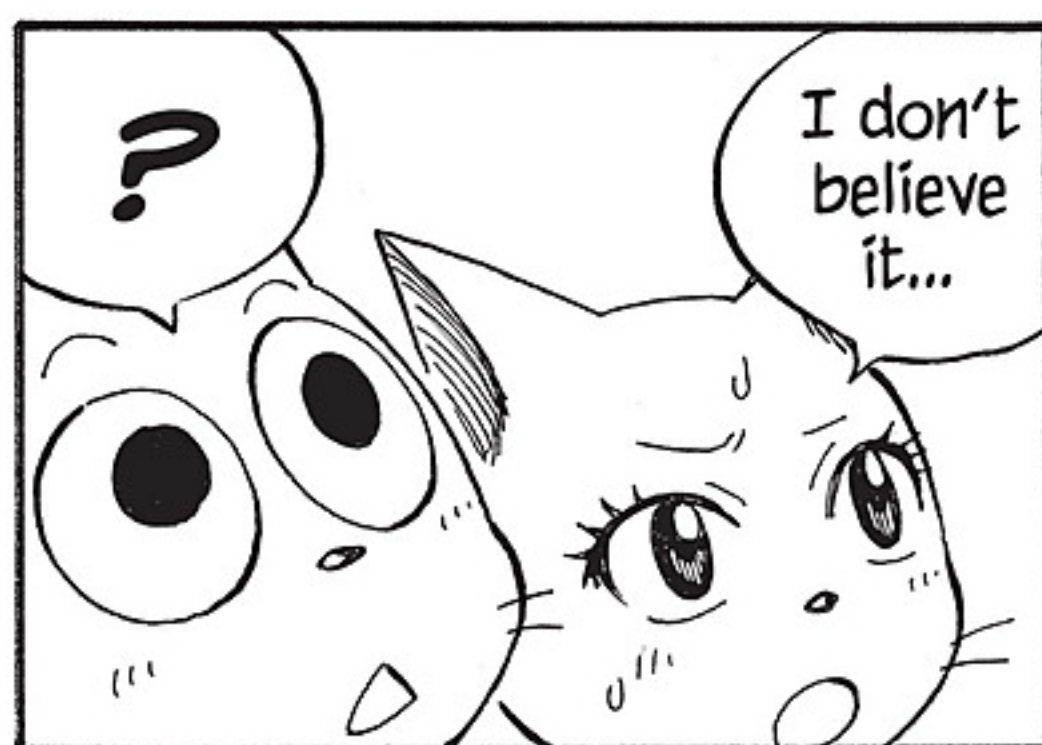
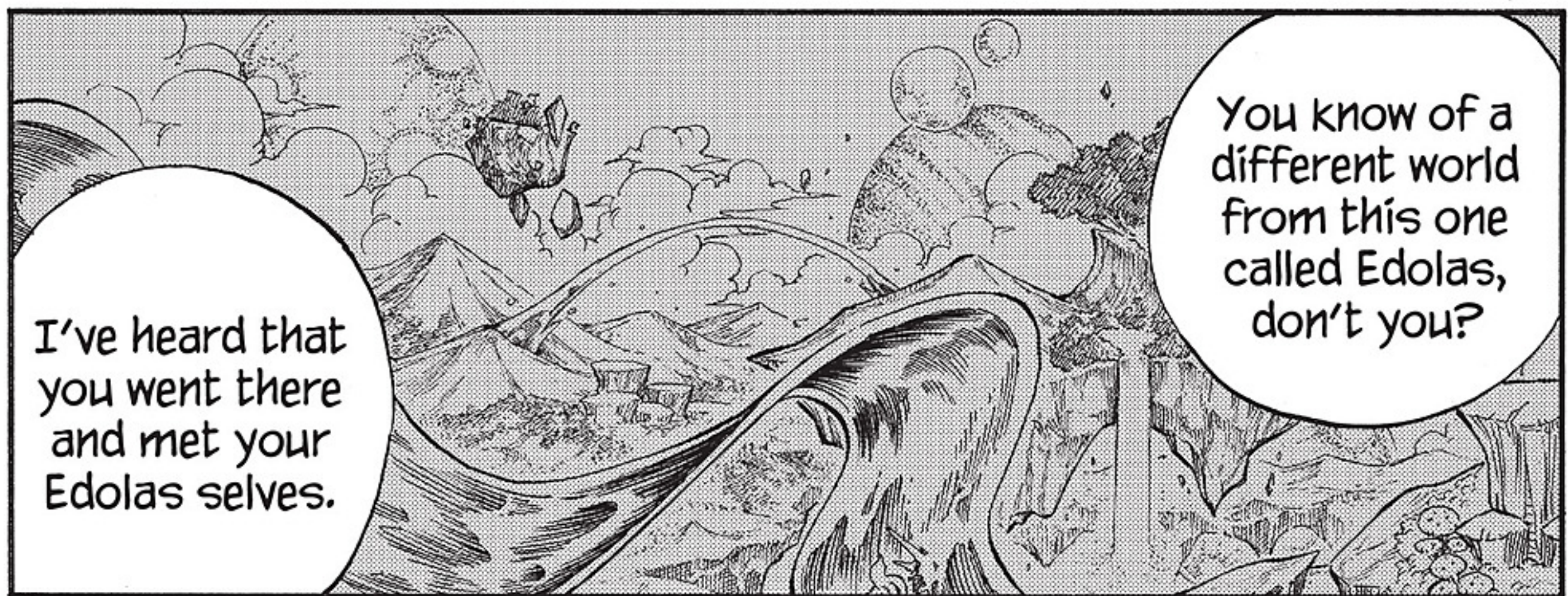


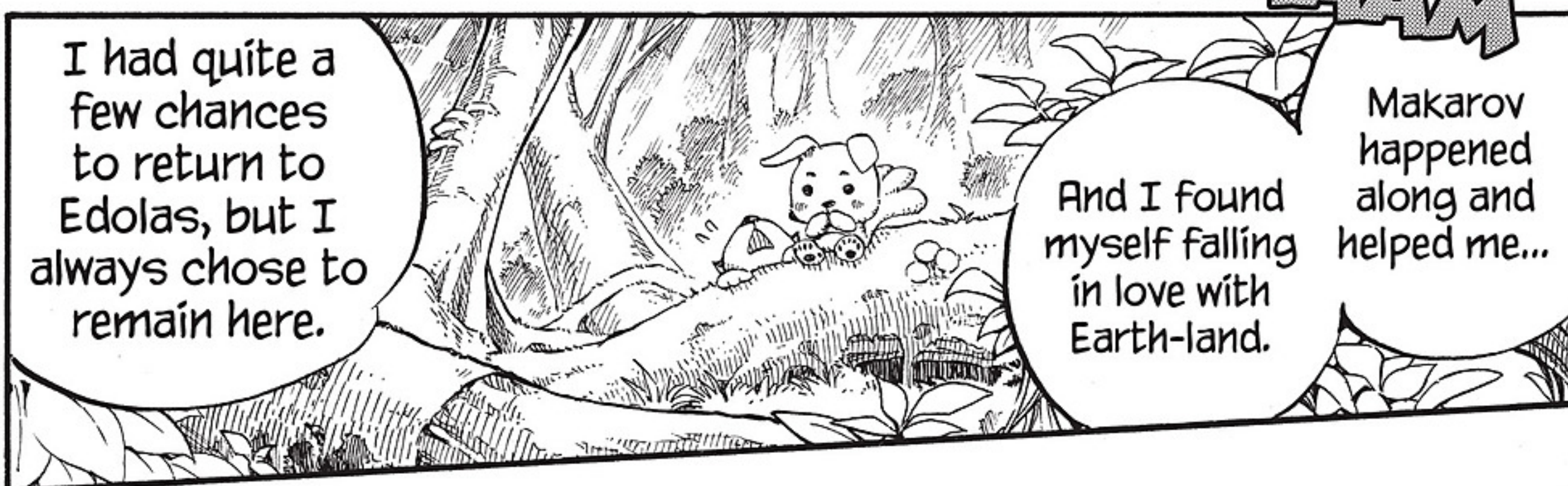


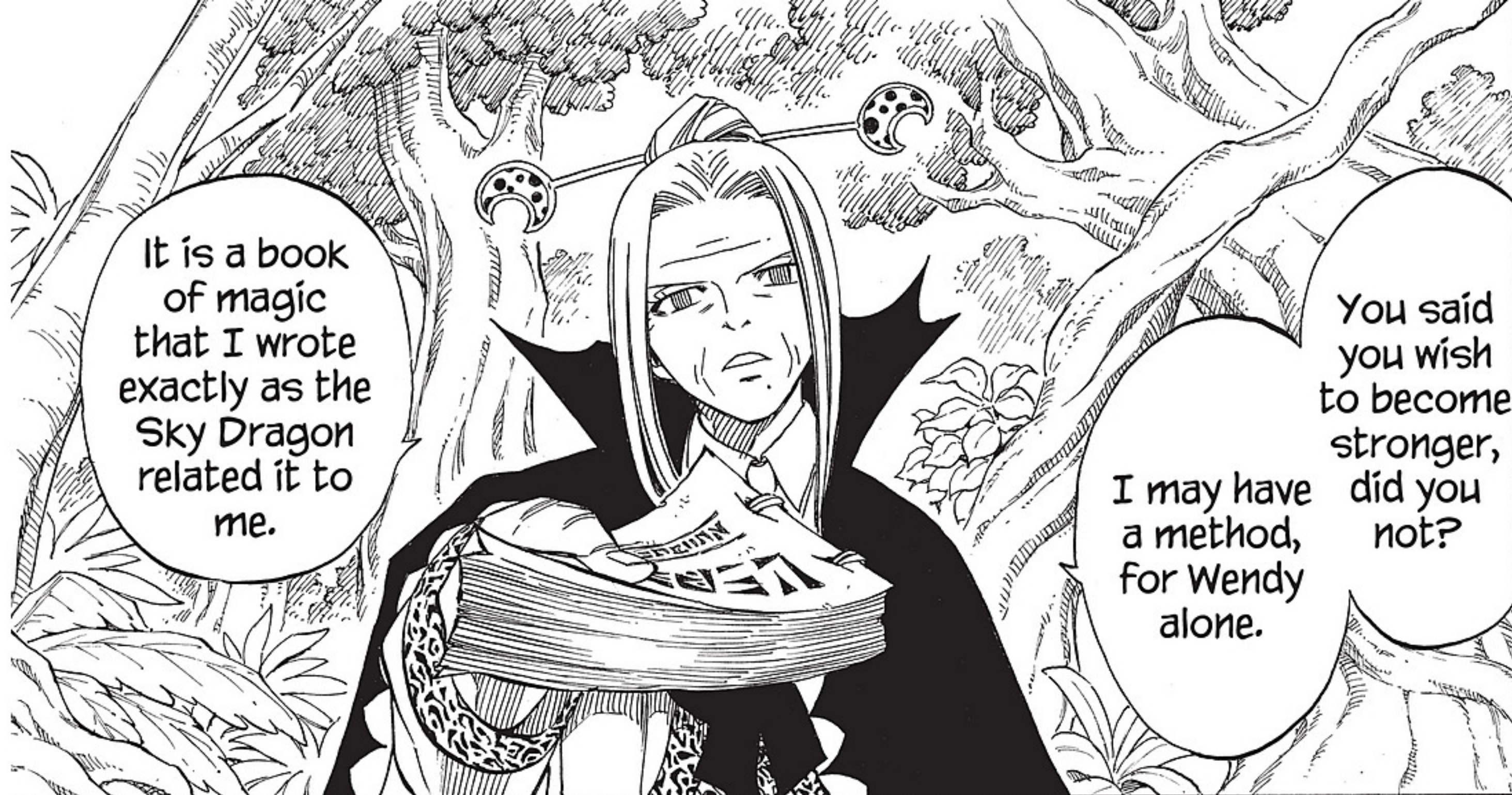




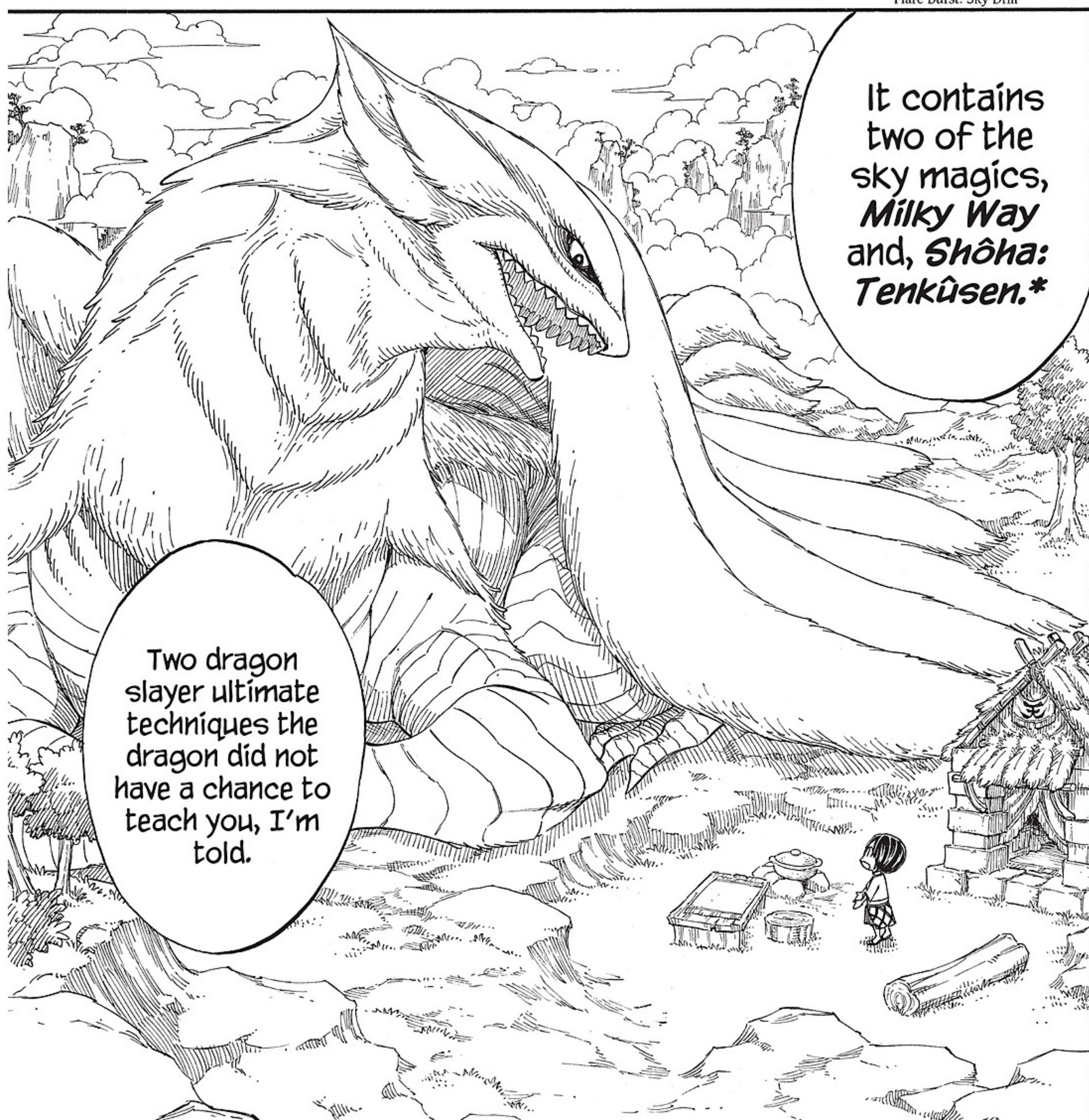


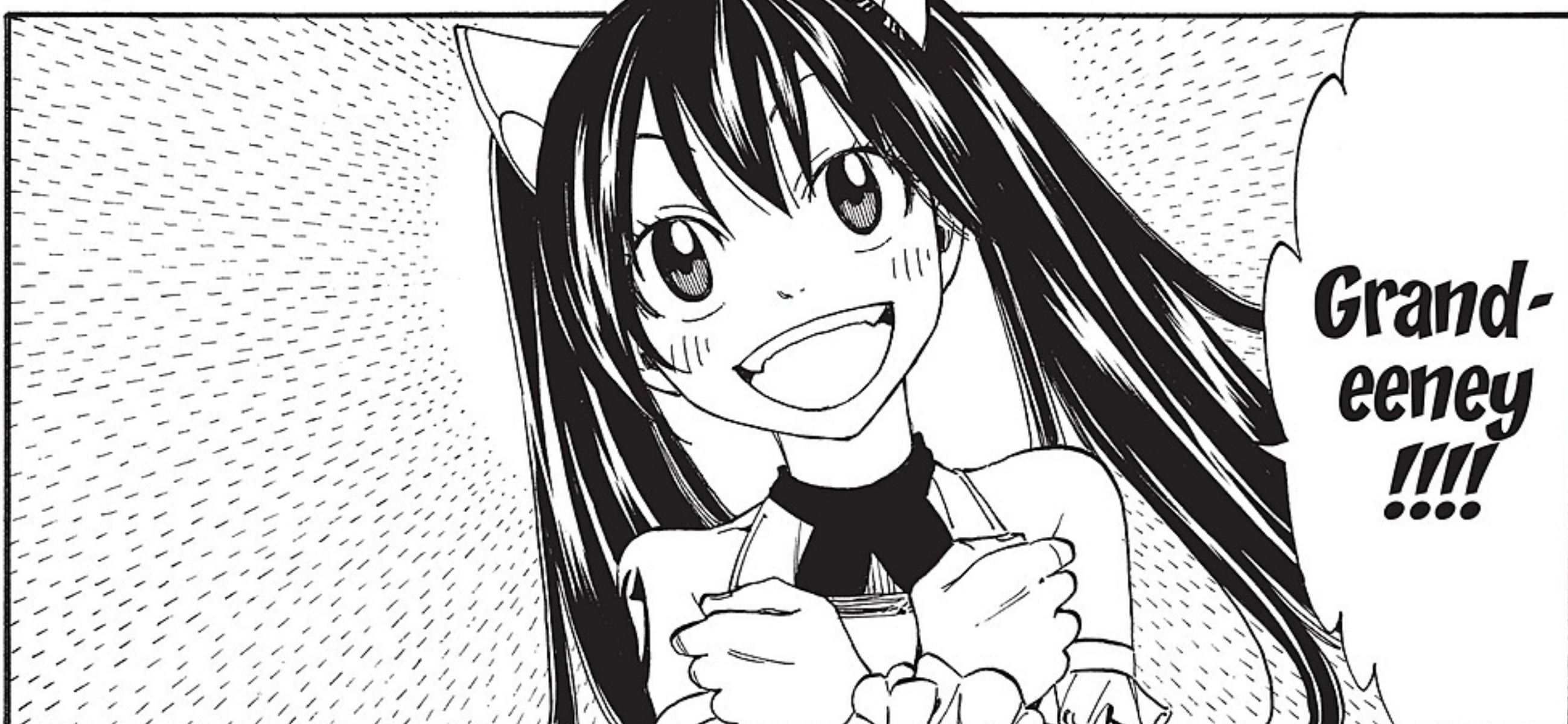
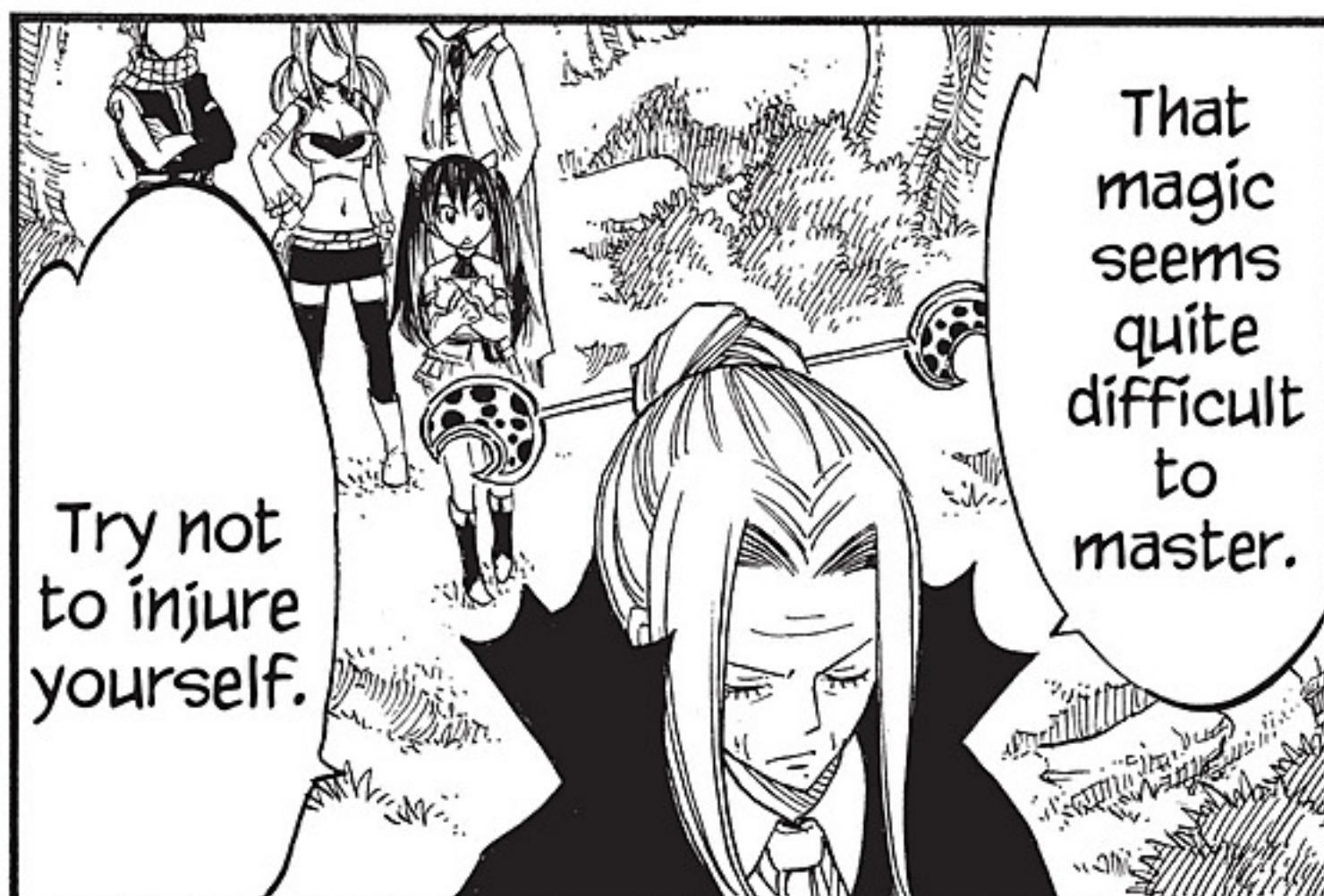


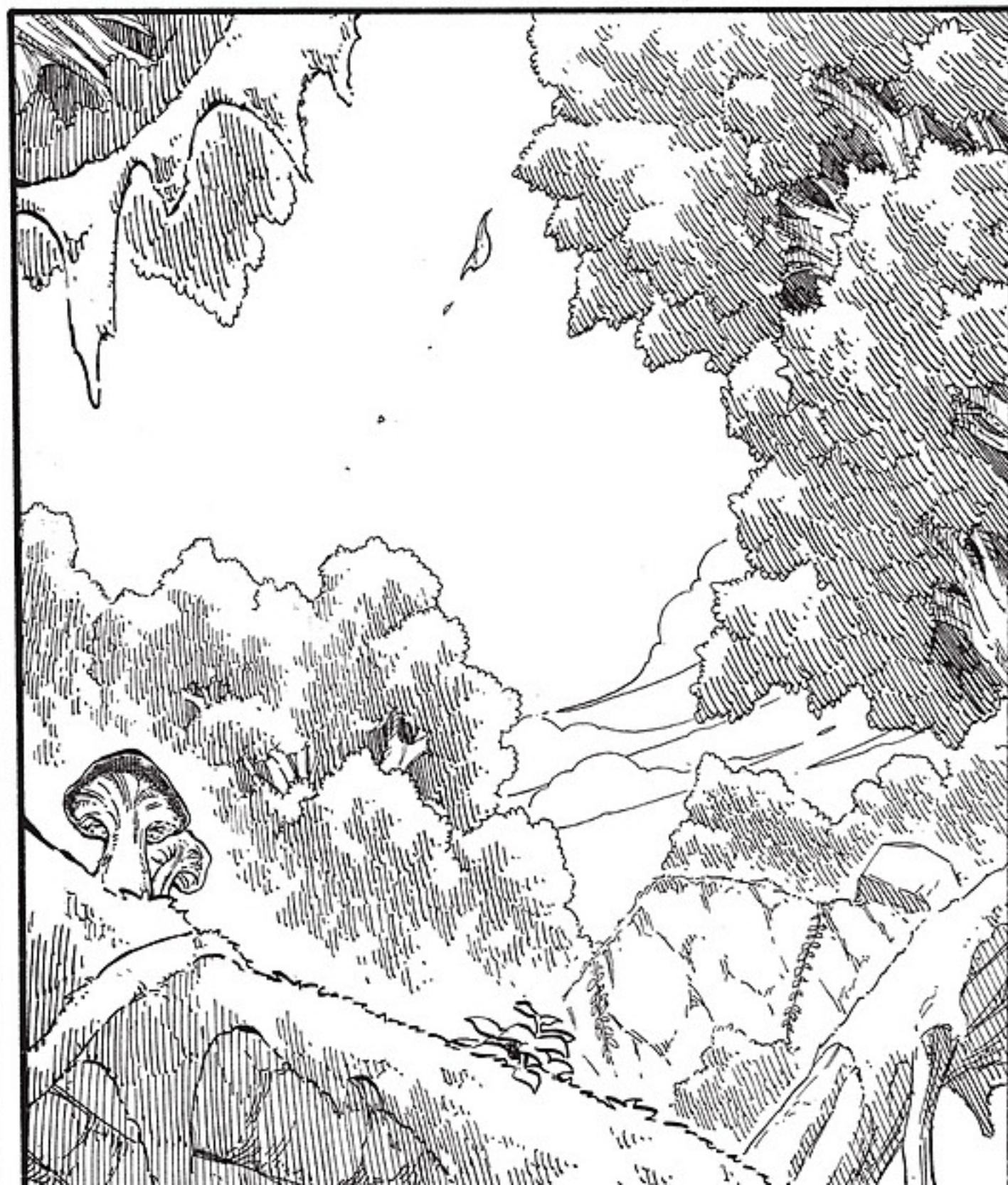
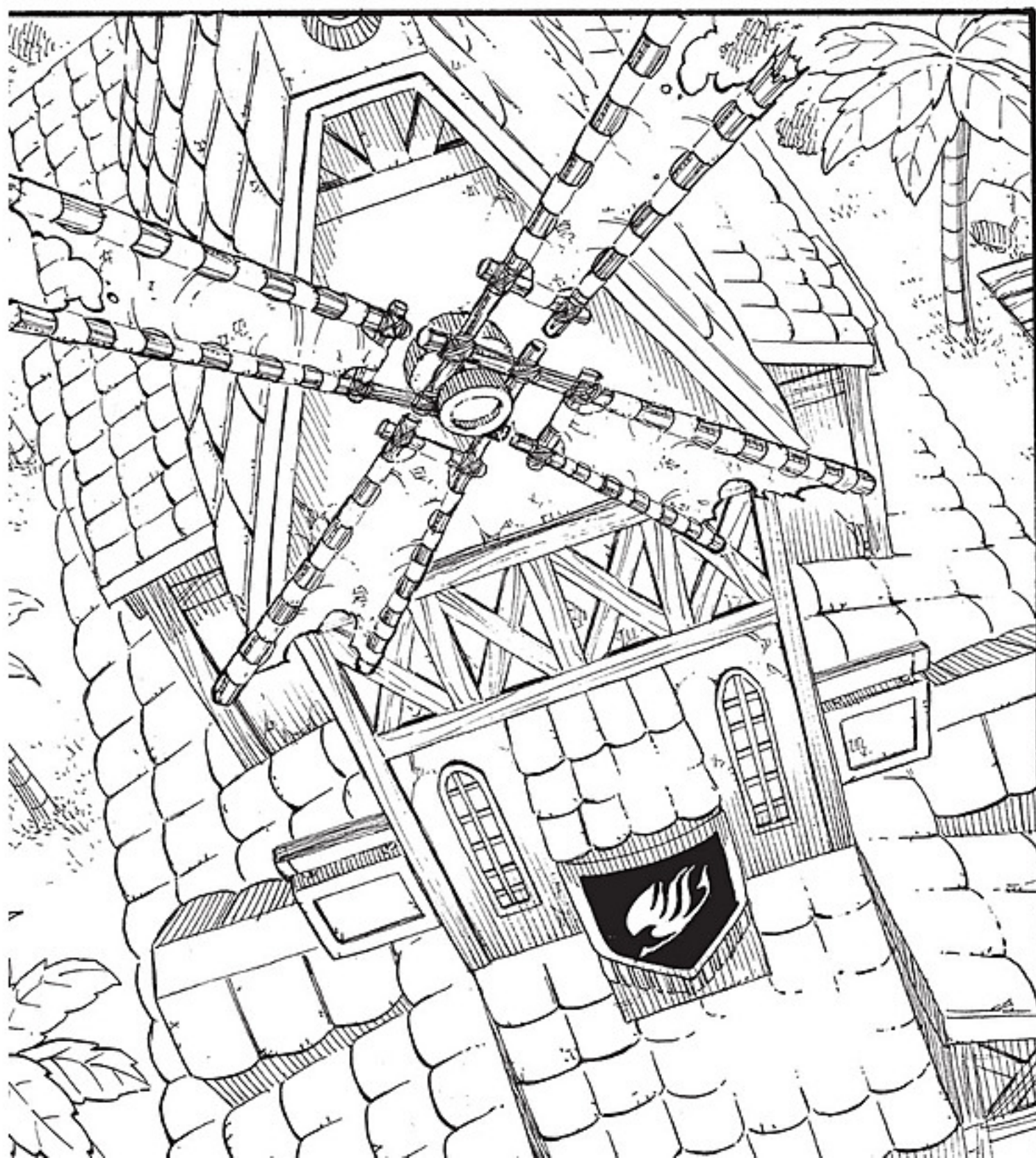
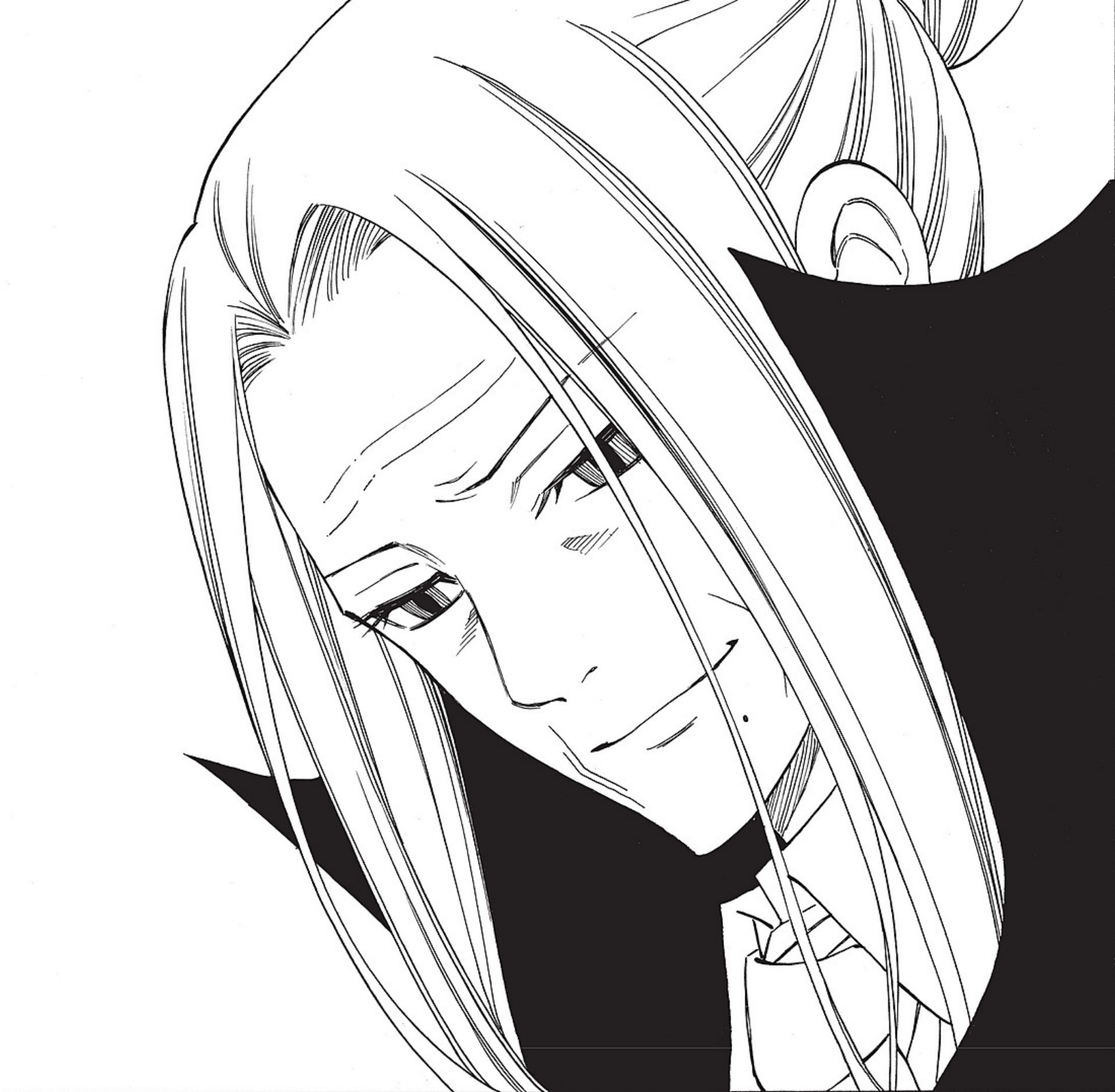




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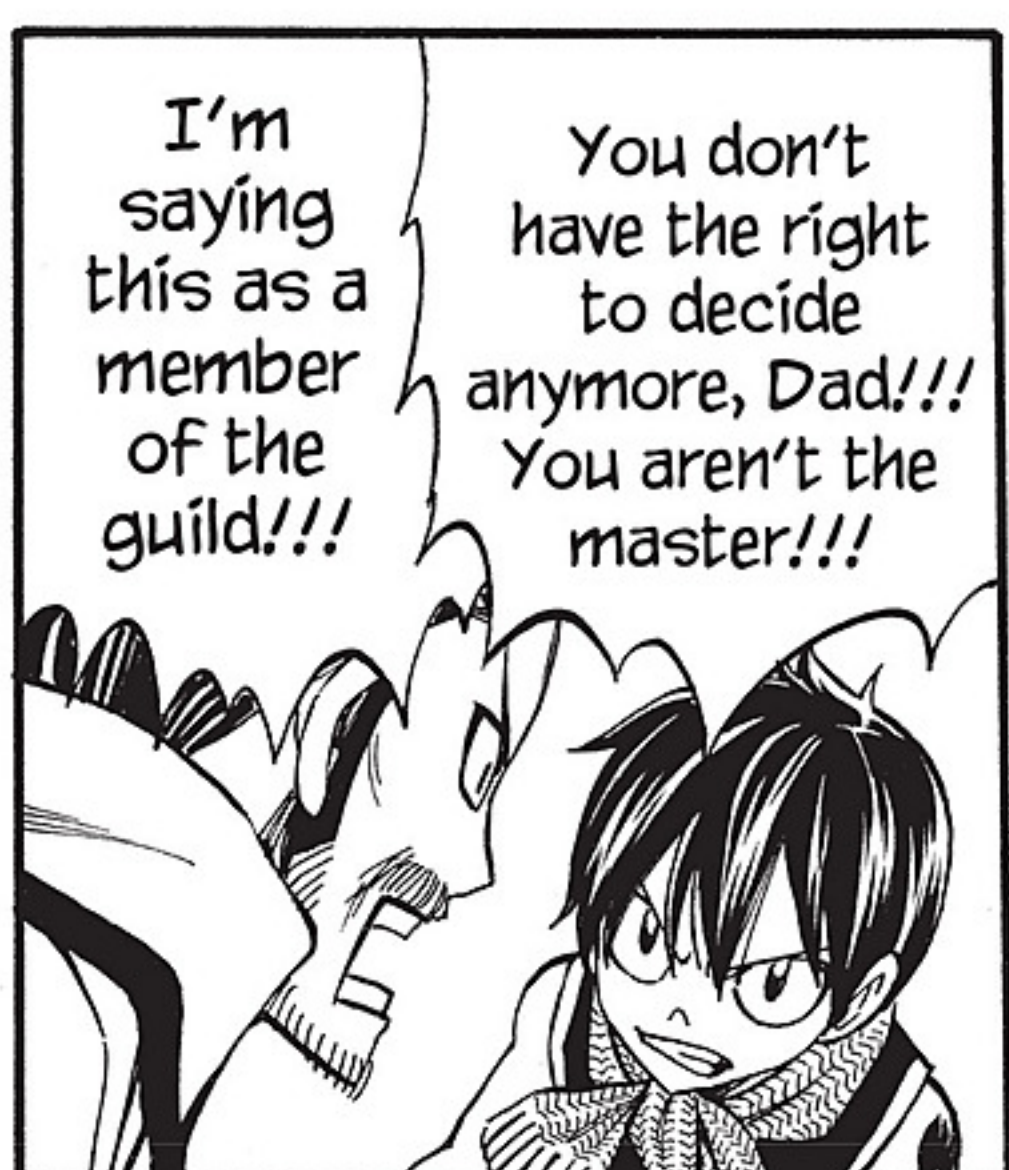




I refuse to allow it!!!!
I am against entering into that thing even one more time!!!!

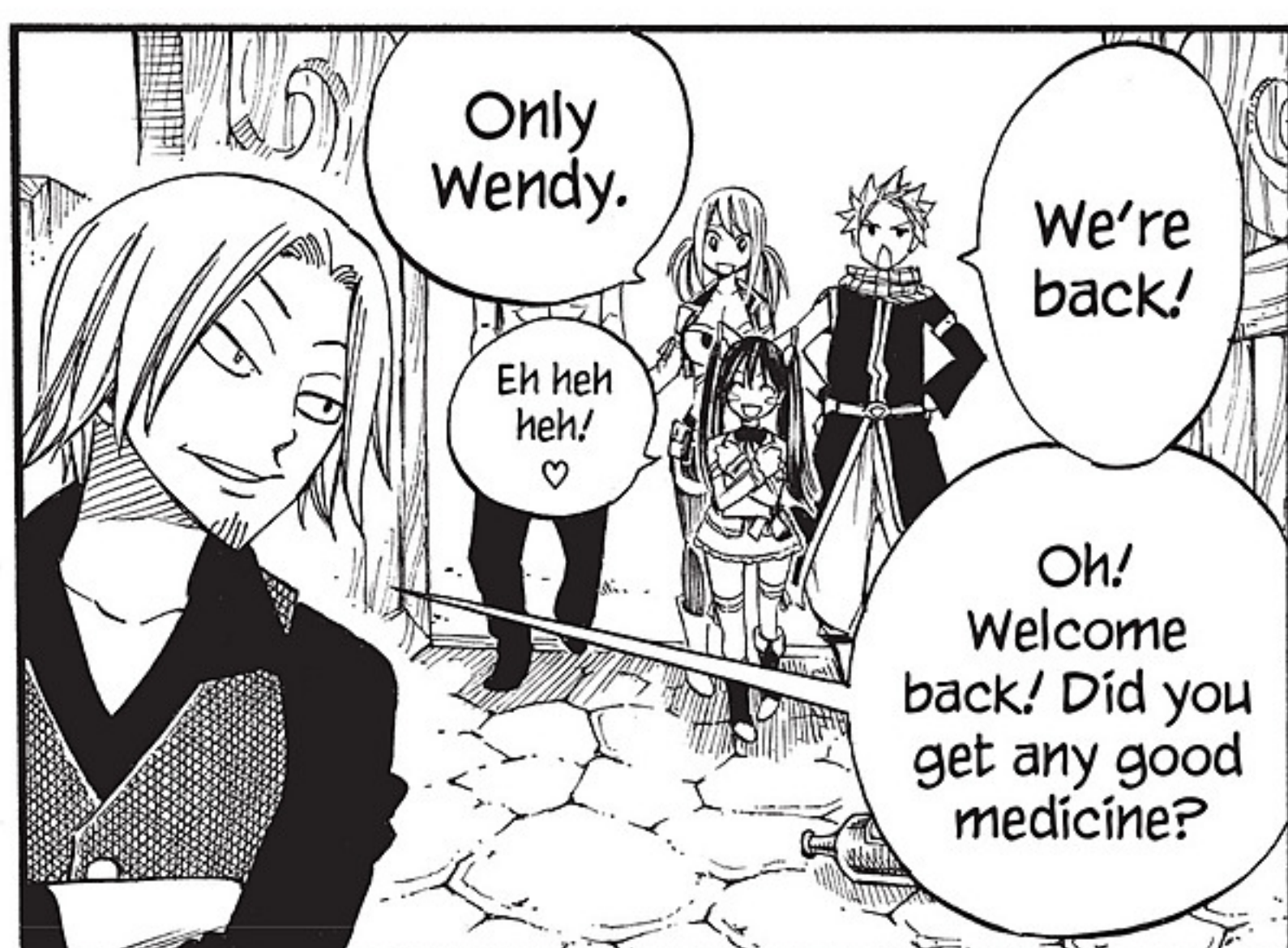
We're not!
We're not!!
We're not!!!
We're not!!!!

We are!
We are!!
We are!!!
We are!!!!
We are going to enter!!!!



I'm saying this as a member of the guild!!!

You don't have the right to decide anymore, Dad!!!
You aren't the master!!!



Only Wendy.

Eh heh heh! ♡

We're back!

Oh! Welcome back! Did you get any good medicine?



It just makes us ashamed to even be alive.

Yeah, I'm willing to do a lot, but not that.

Naaaaay!!!

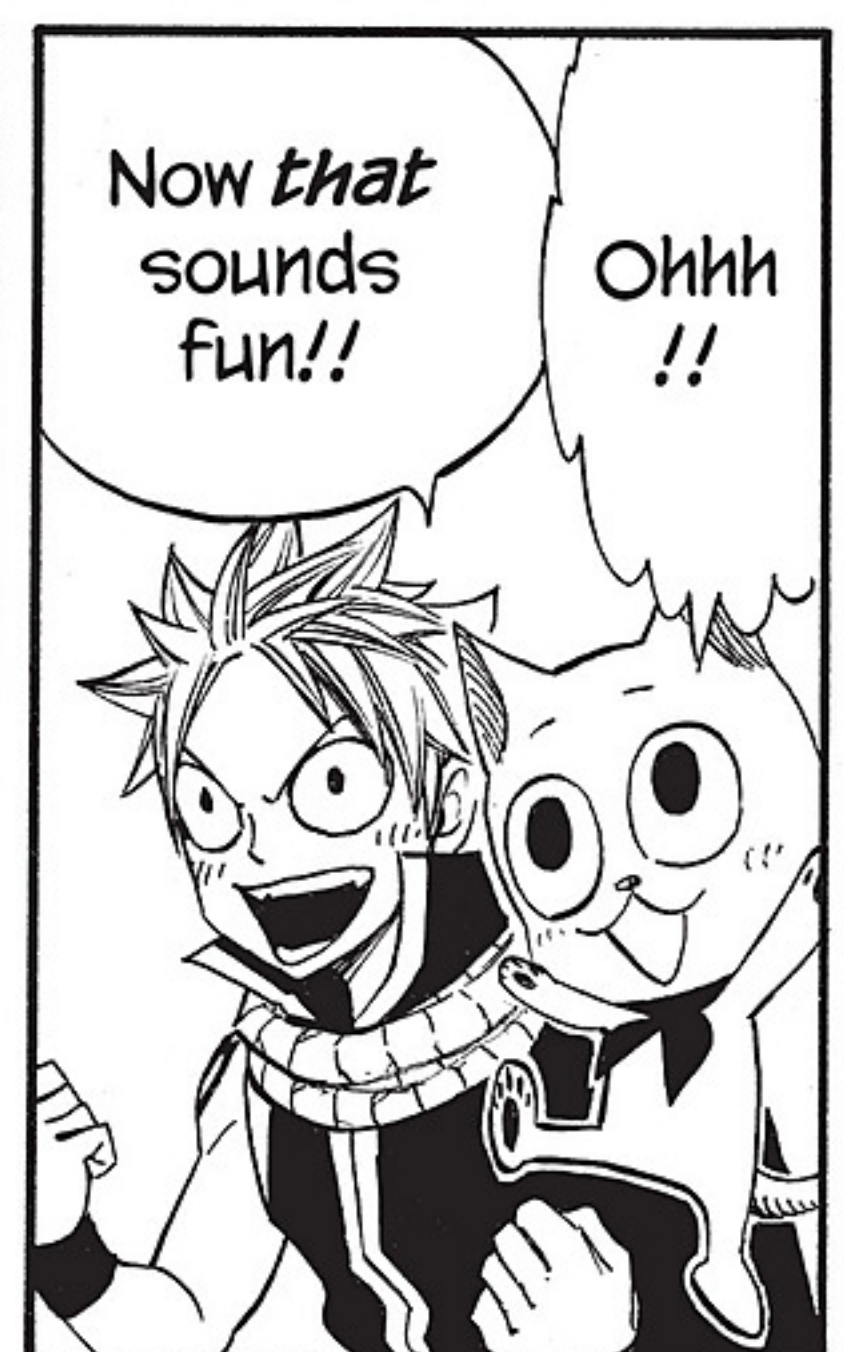
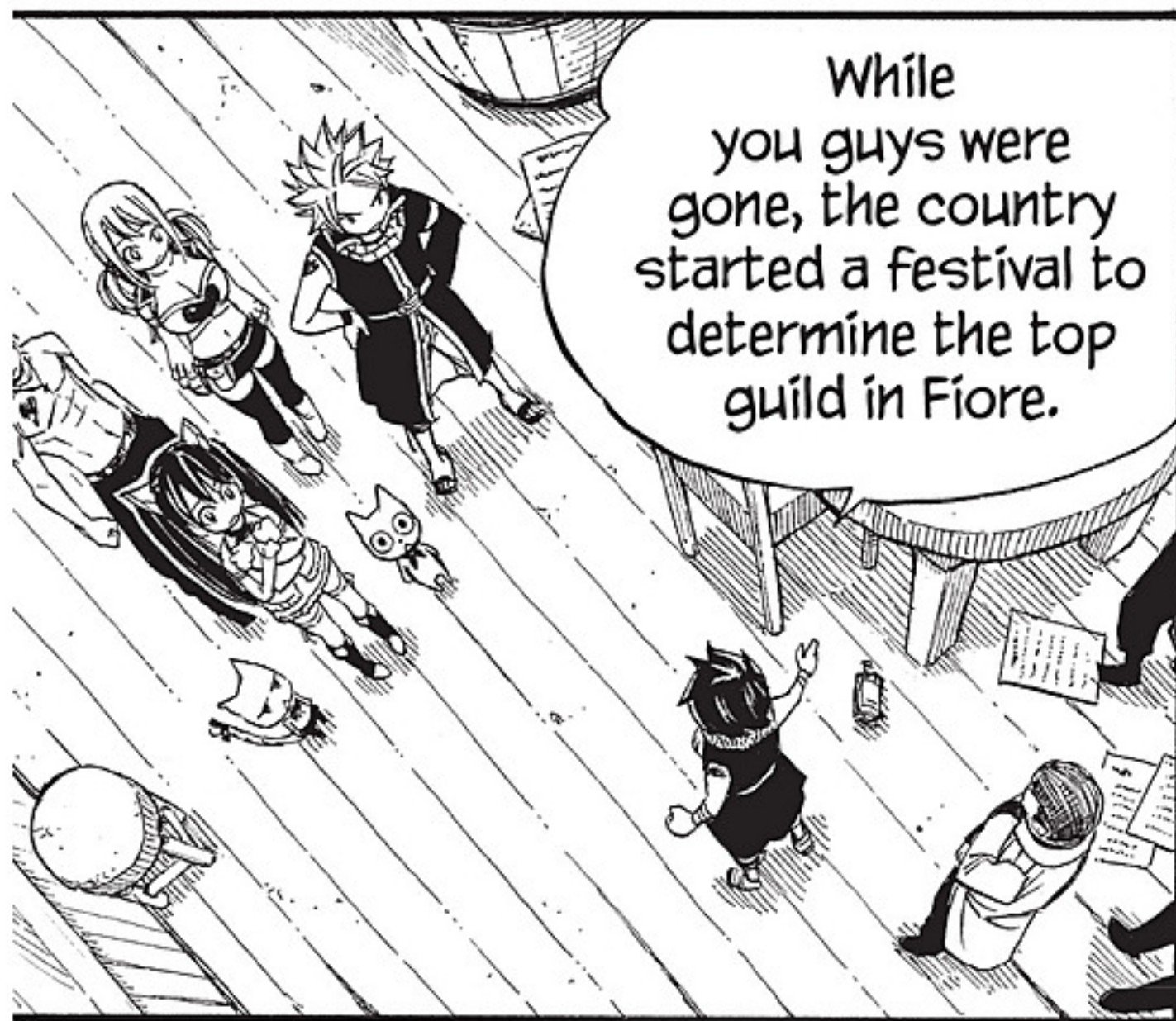
Everybody who doesn't want to enter! Nay!!

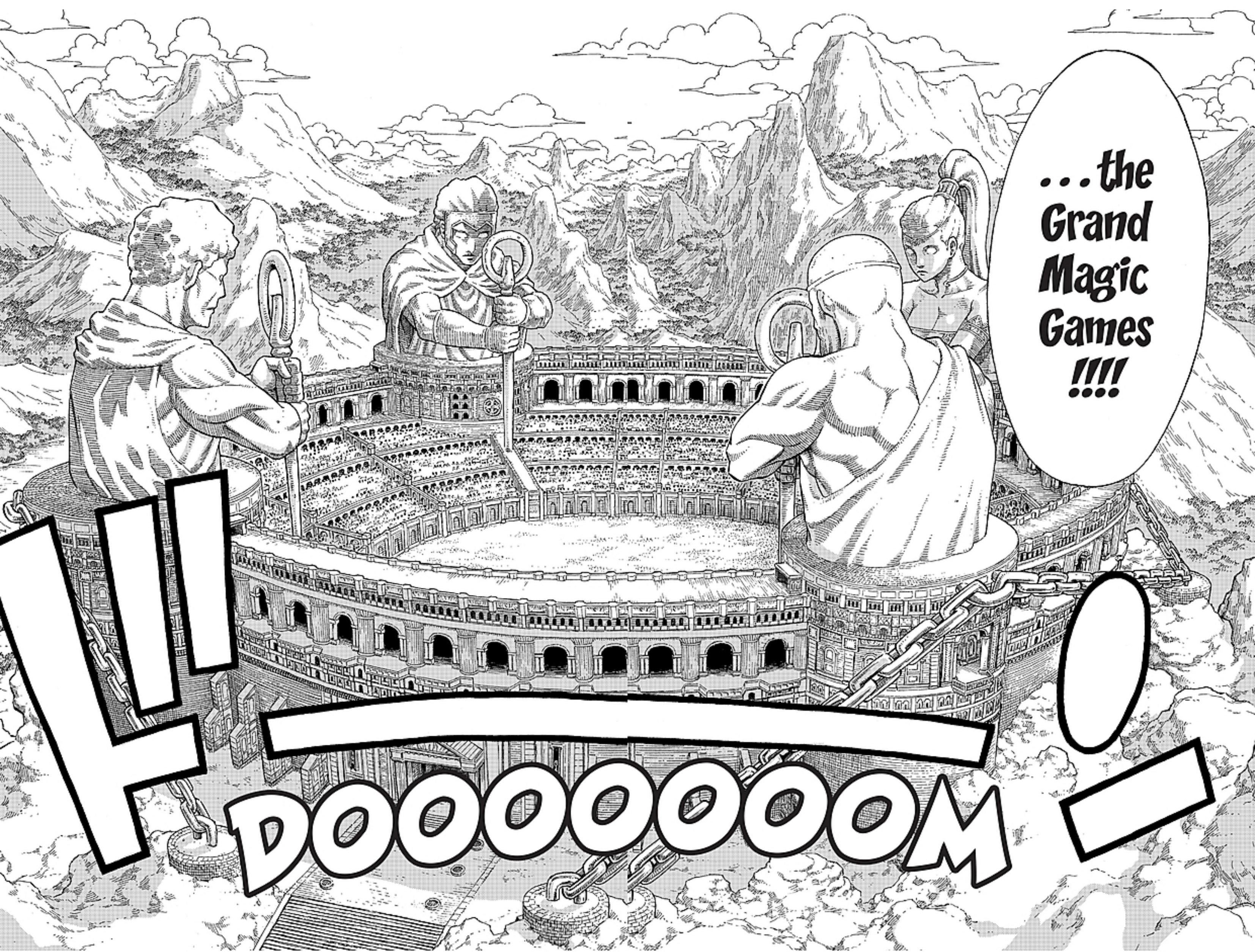


Nothing more than a father-son fight from the looks of it.

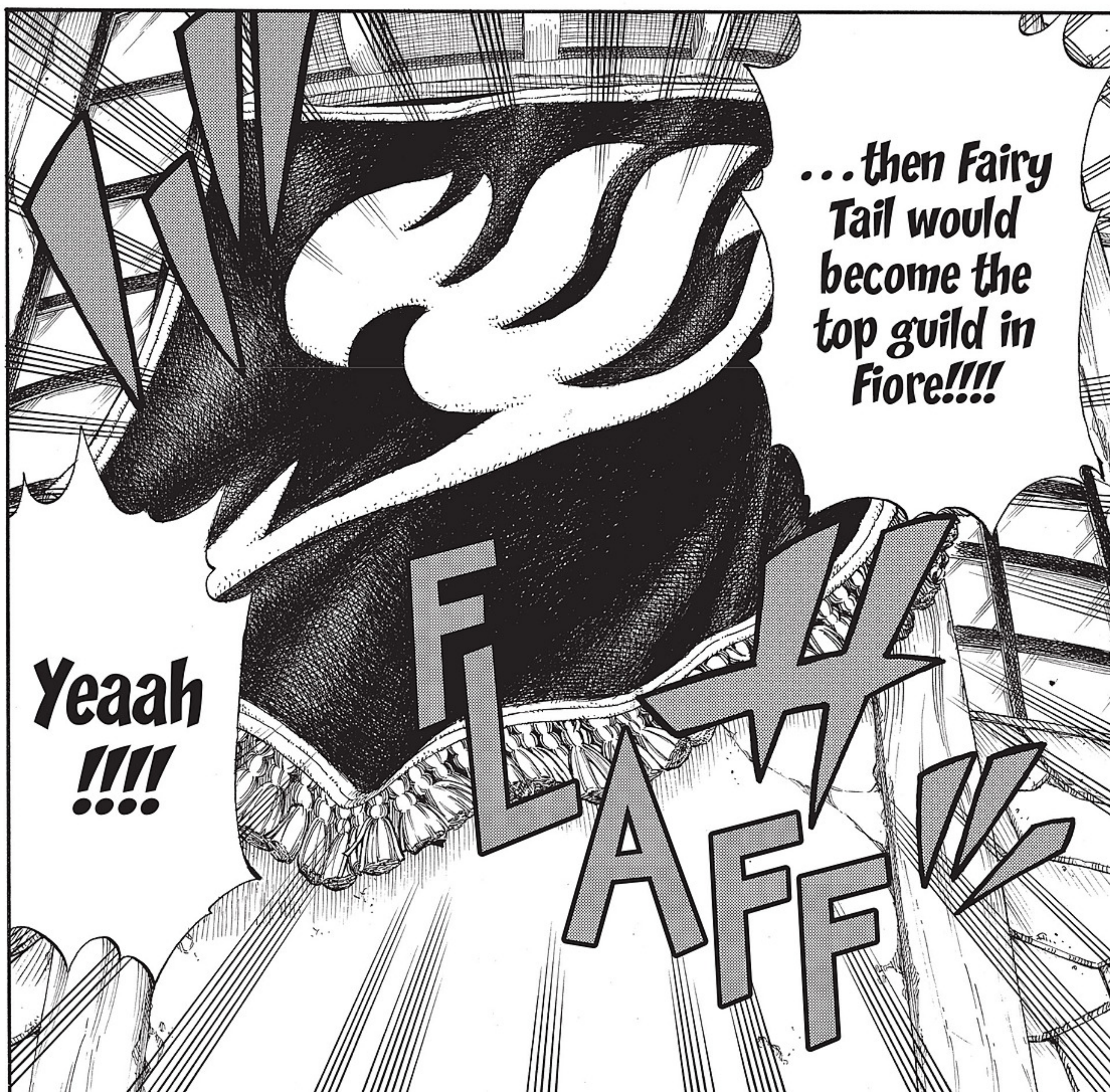
What's the fuss about?

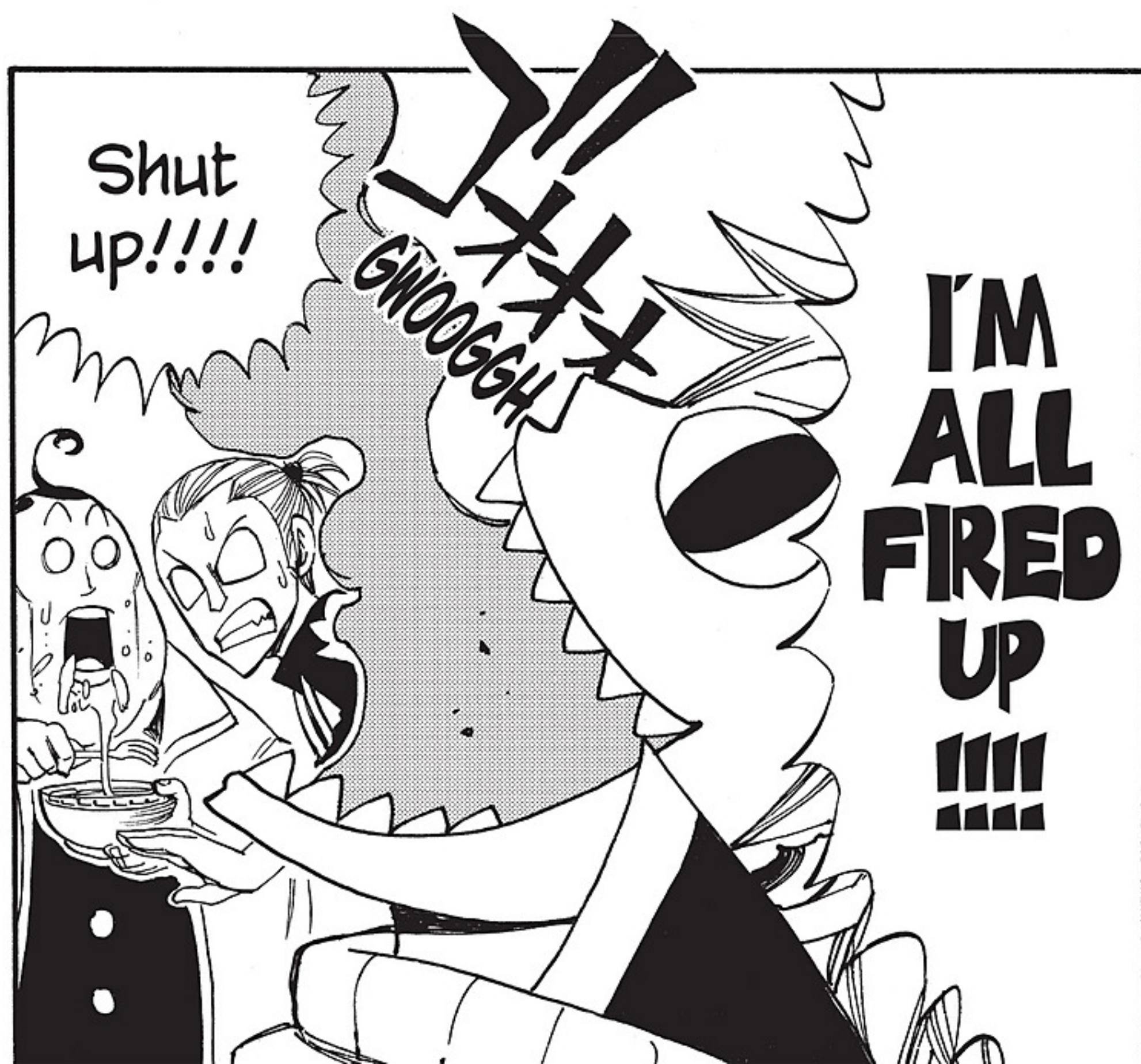
Your shirt!





...the
Grand
Magic
Games
!!!!







**That's plenty
of time!!!! I'll
see that I'm
up to speed
by then!!**

**We'll make
Fairy Tail the
number one
guild in Fiore
again!!!!**



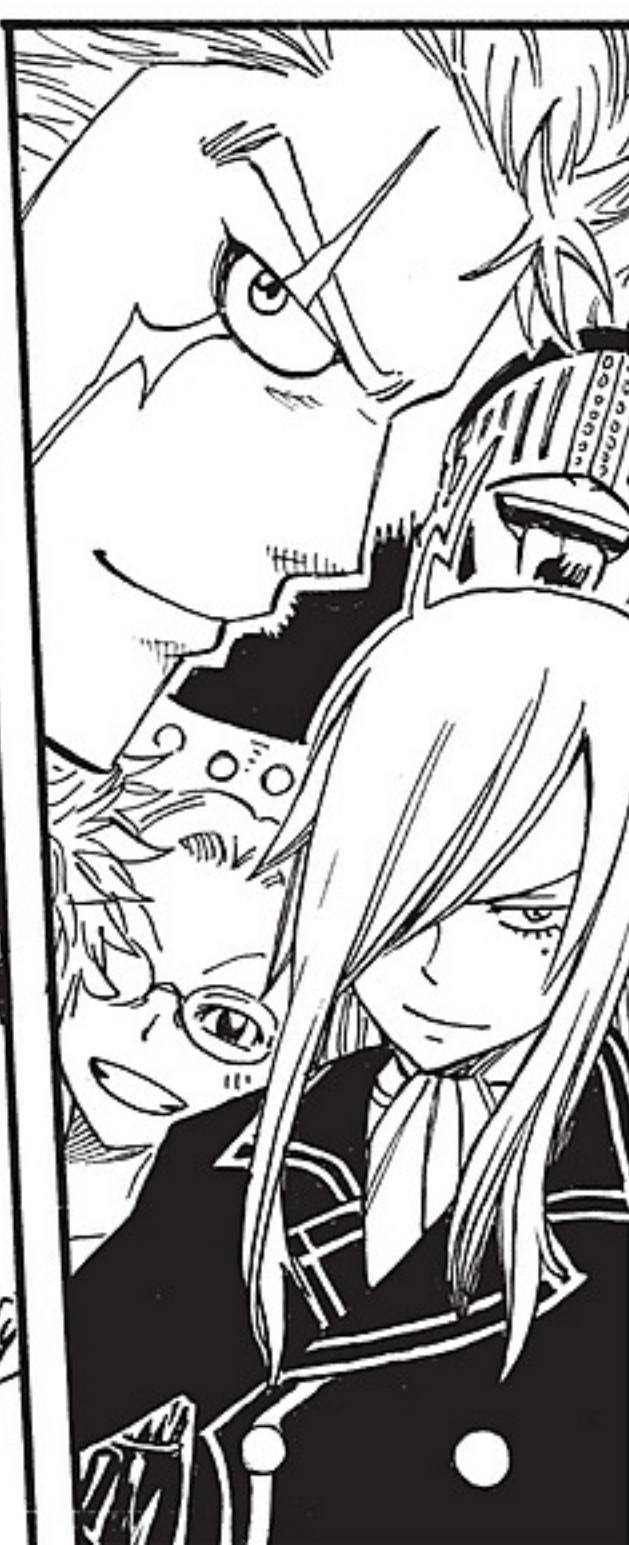
Then there
is nothing
we cannot
do!

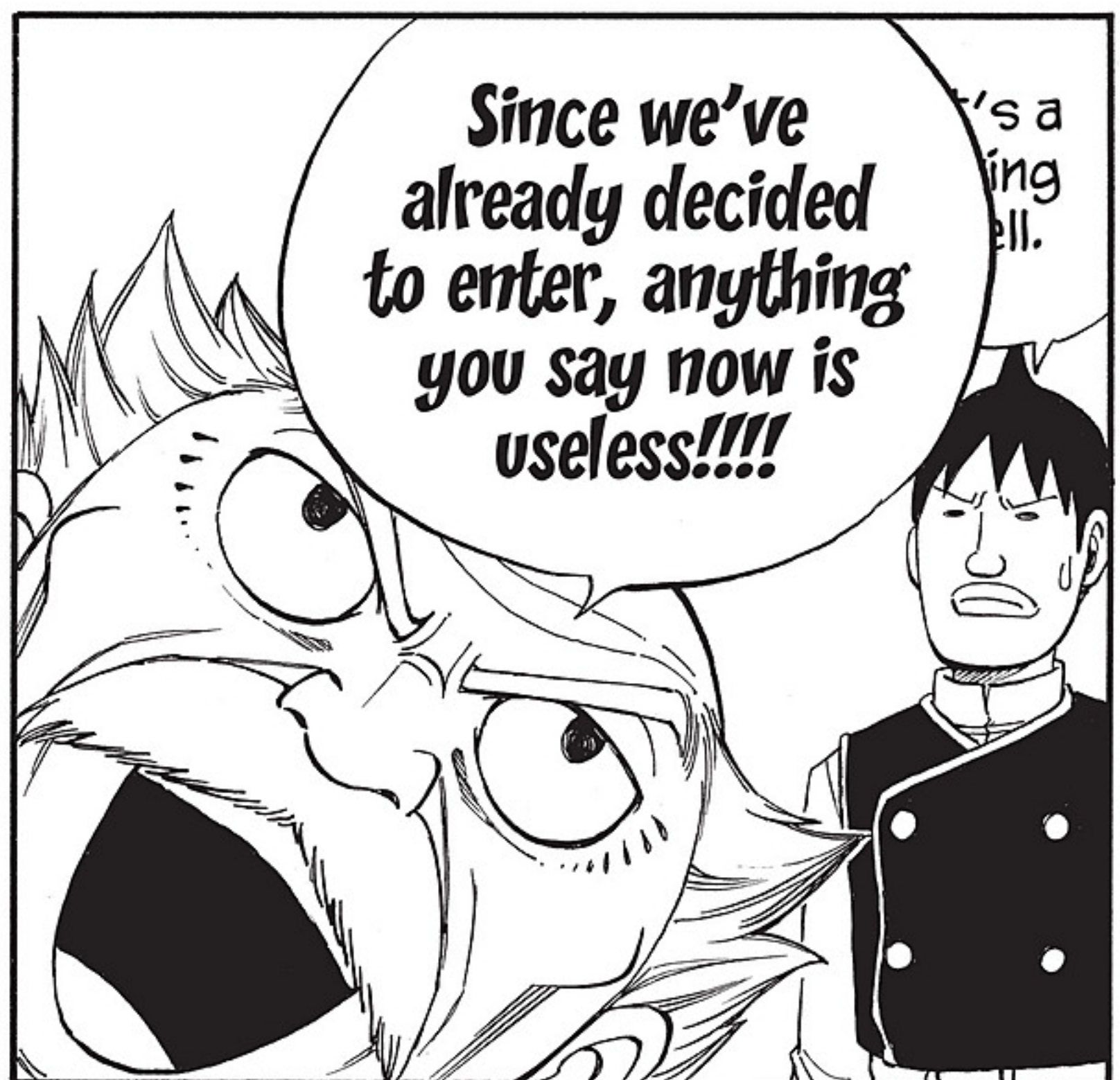
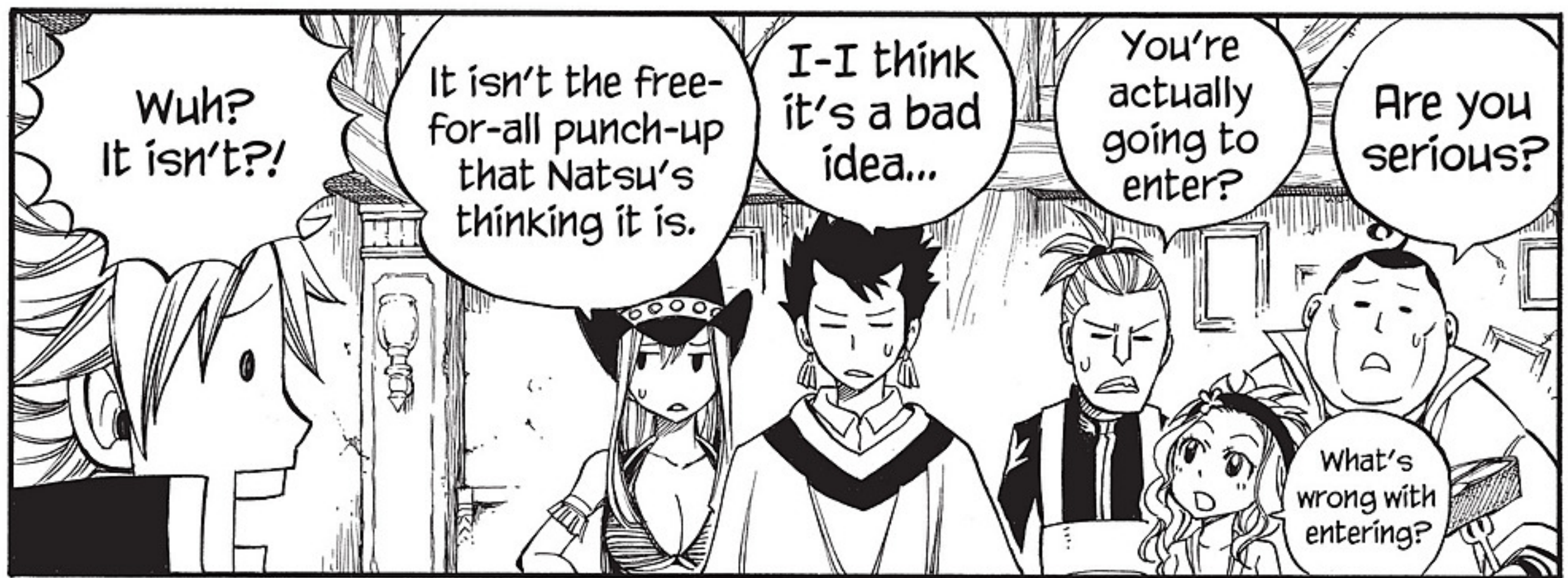
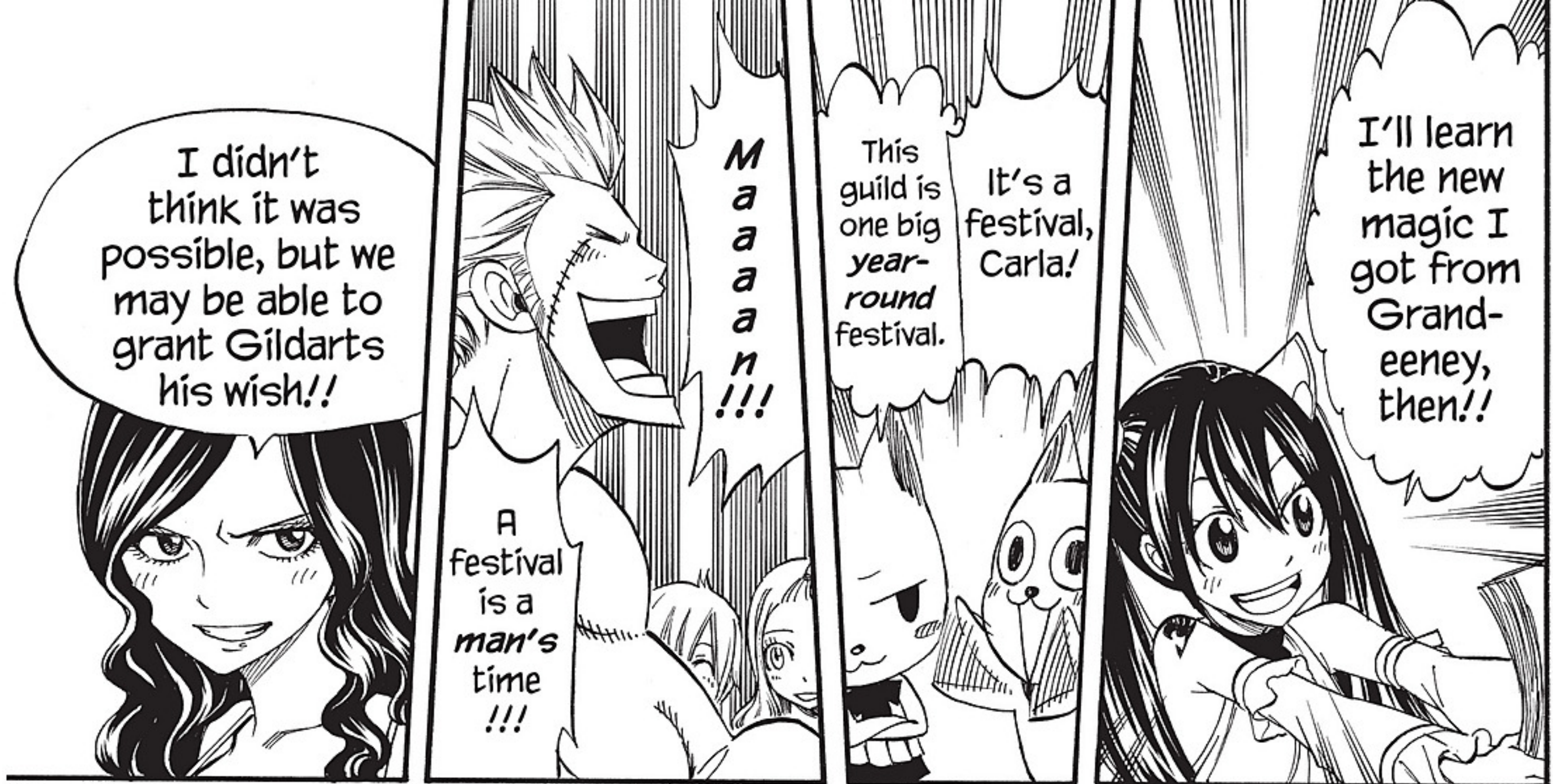


Yeah!!
As long as
we all work
together...



Sounds
good.





**Team
Fairy
Tail...**

**...is
going to
enter the
Grand
Magic
Games!!!!**



FAIRY TAIL

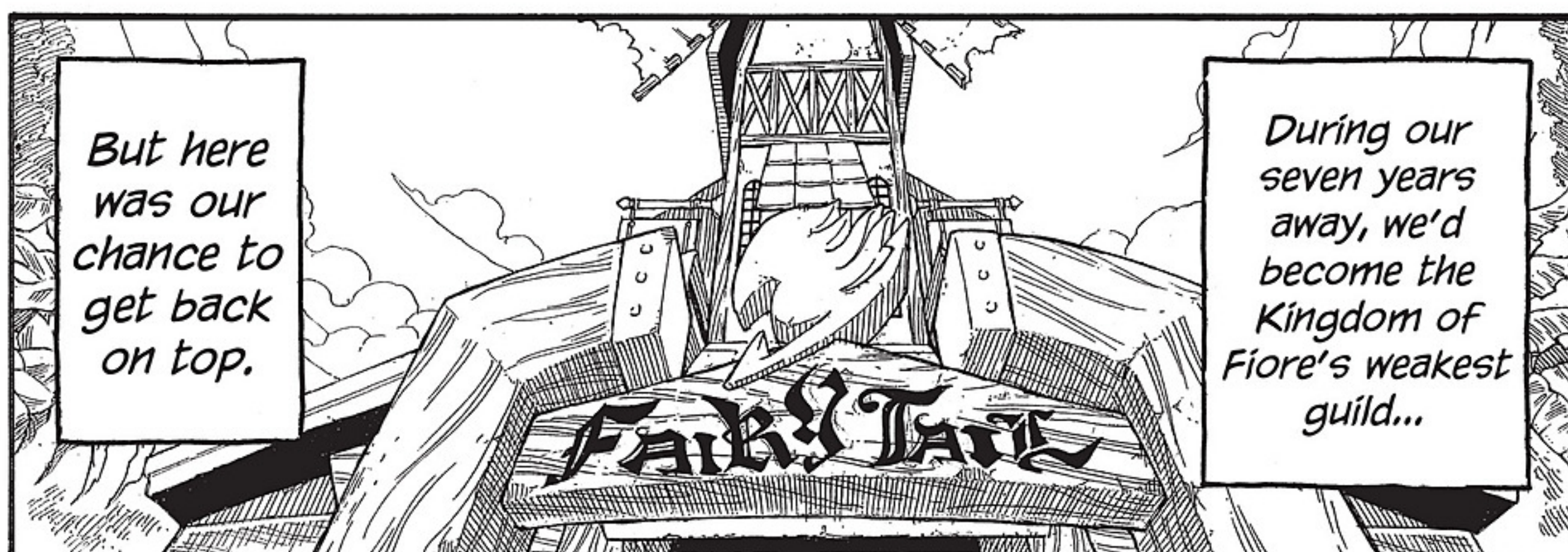
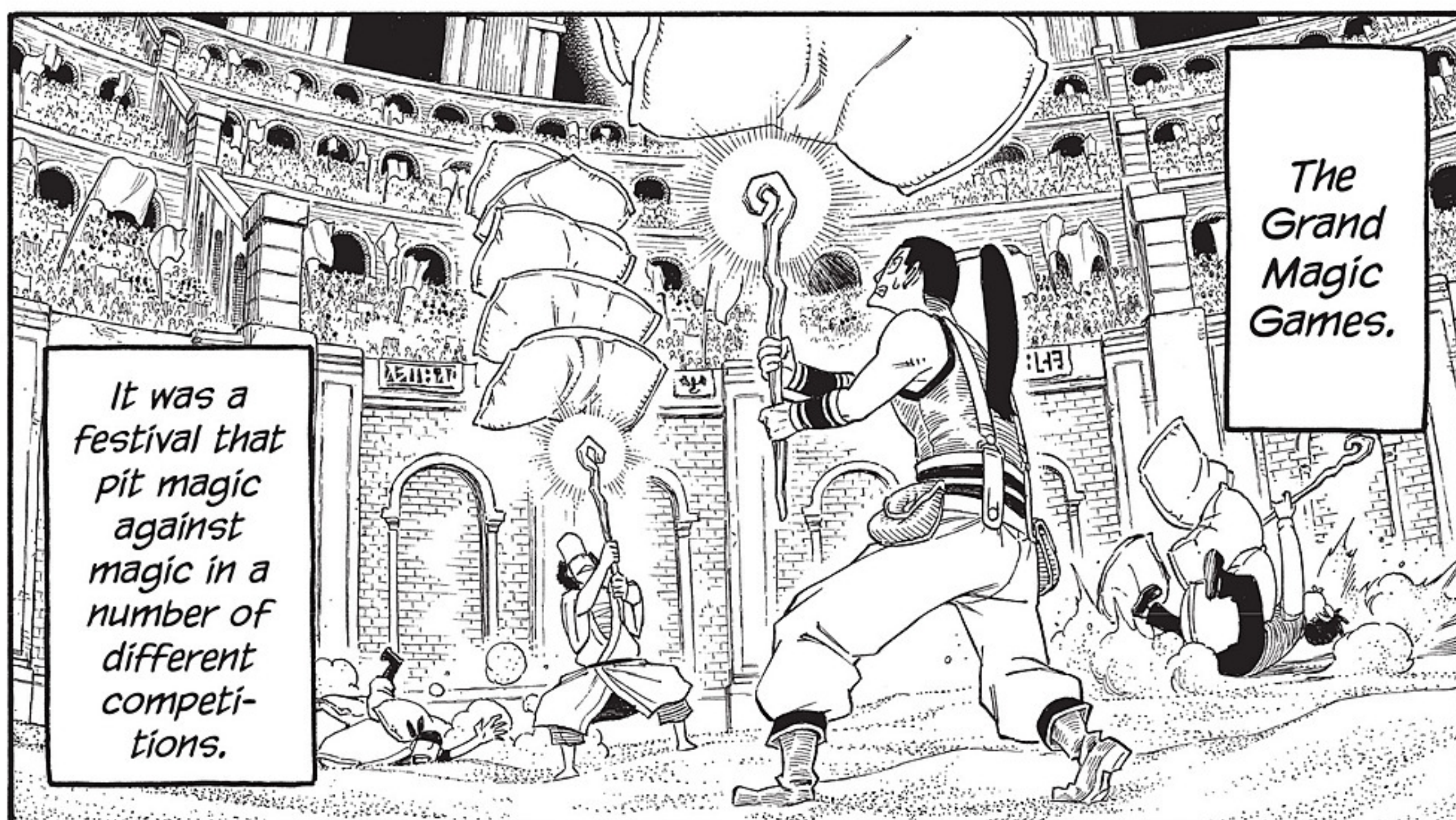
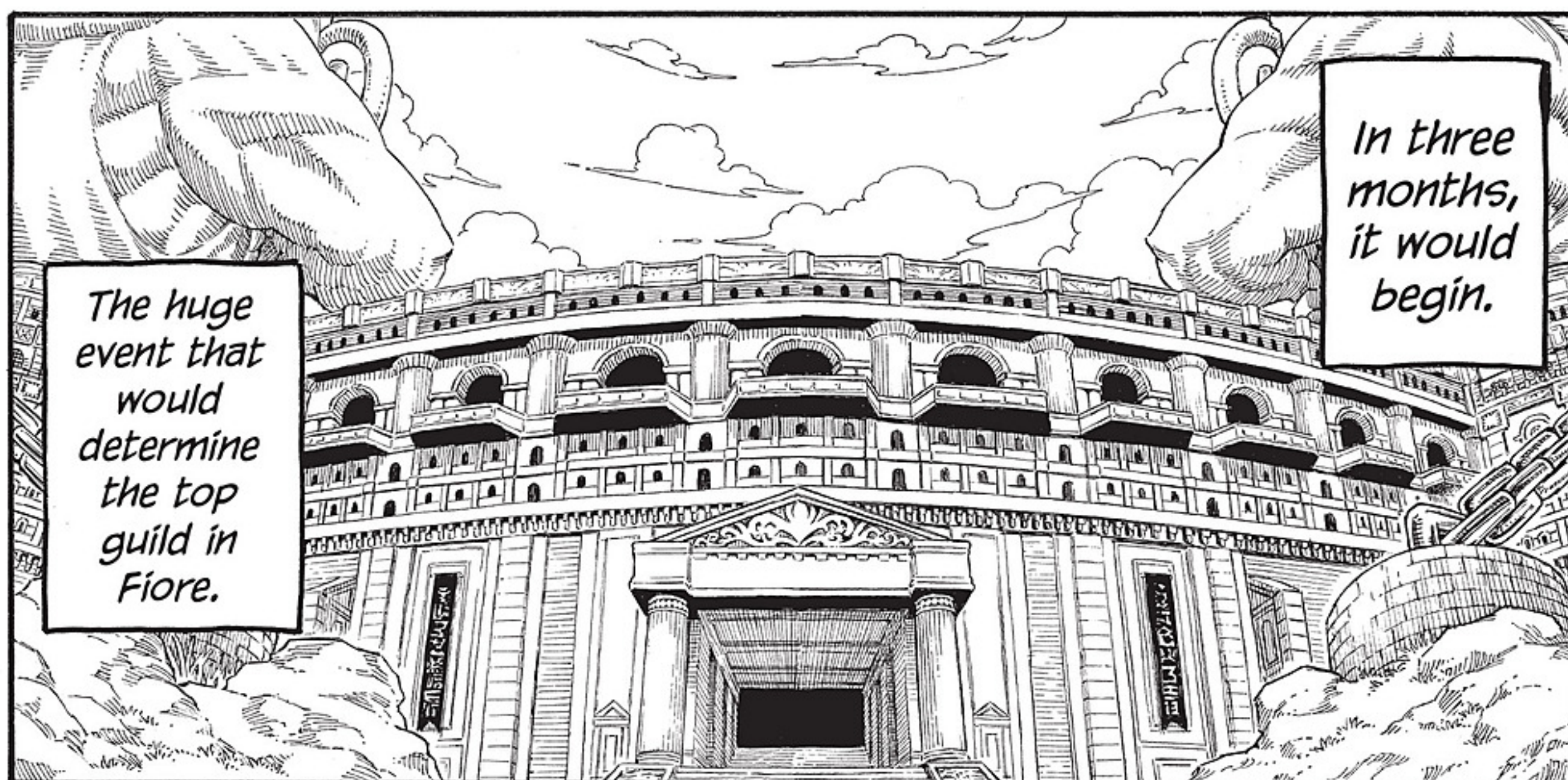


FAIRY TAIL	
Name:	Bisca Connel
Age:	25
Magic:	The Gunner
Likes:	Alzack, Asuka
Dislikes:	Sweet foods
	

Remarks

Six years earlier she married Alzack, changed her last name to Connel, gave birth to Asuka, and became the only “working mother” wizard in the guild. Over the past seven years, she’s gotten much better. She can now reload more bullets faster, and even her aim has improved.

When she and Alzack are on a job, they leave Asuka with a friend, but Alzack doesn’t know that the friend was also interested in him, and the two were secretly rivals for his affections.





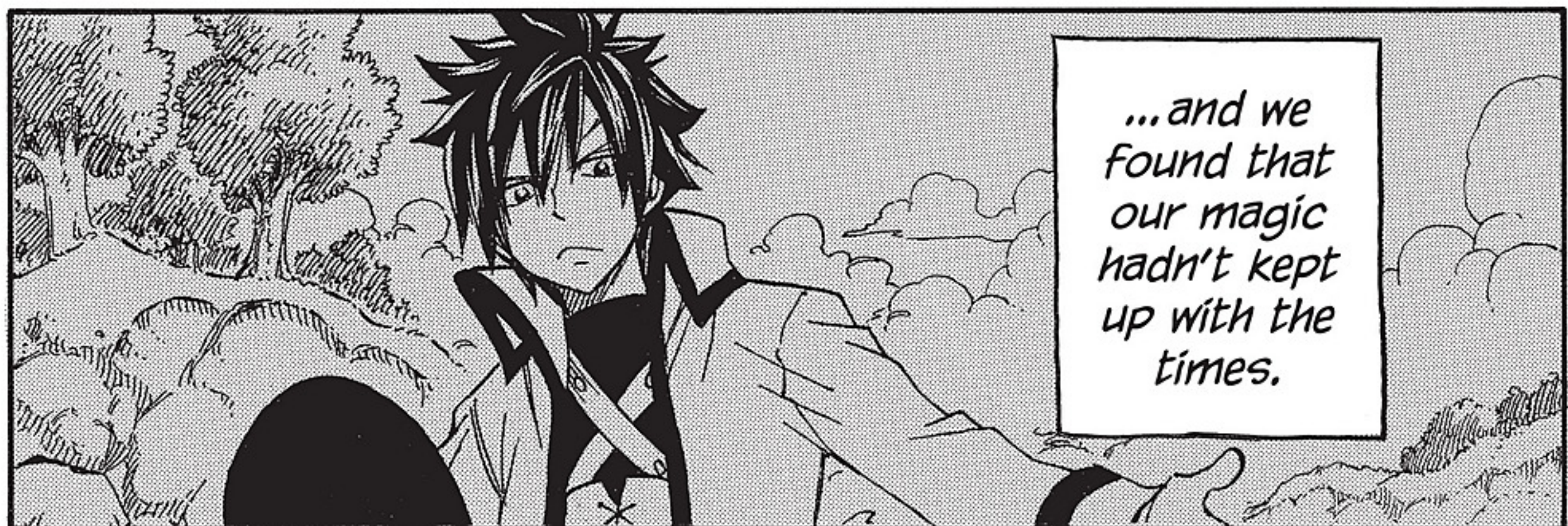
*But those of
us on Sirius
Island had
been frozen in
time for seven
years...*



*Master
!!*

*We will
enter
!!!!*

*So we
decided to
enter the
Games.*



*...and we
found that
our magic
hadn't kept
up with the
times.*

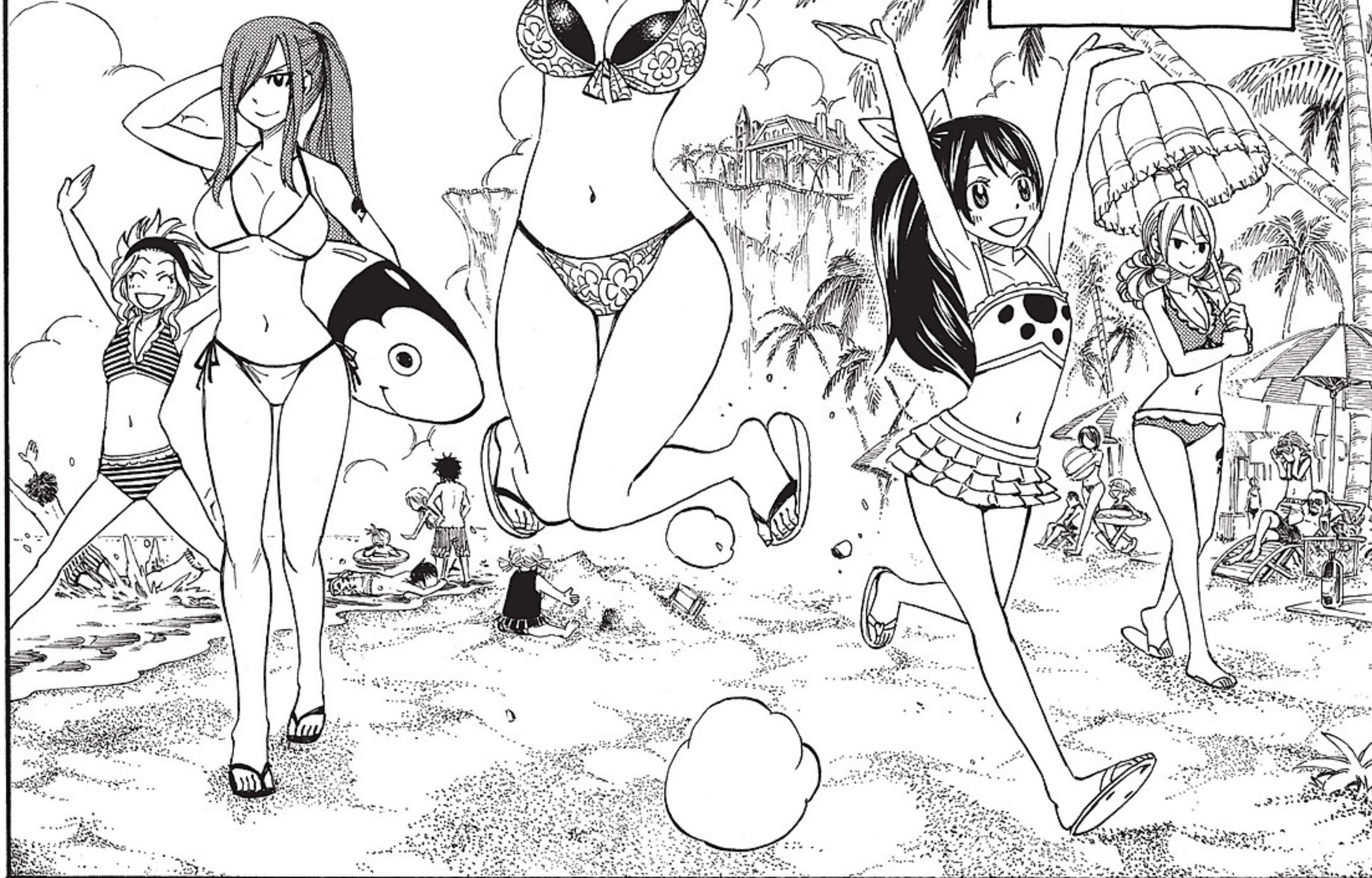


*And
that's
why
we've...*

*It's three
months
until the
festival.*

X YAAAAAY! (/

...
decided
to hit
the
beach!
♡



Of
course, we
understand
perfectly!

That's
right!

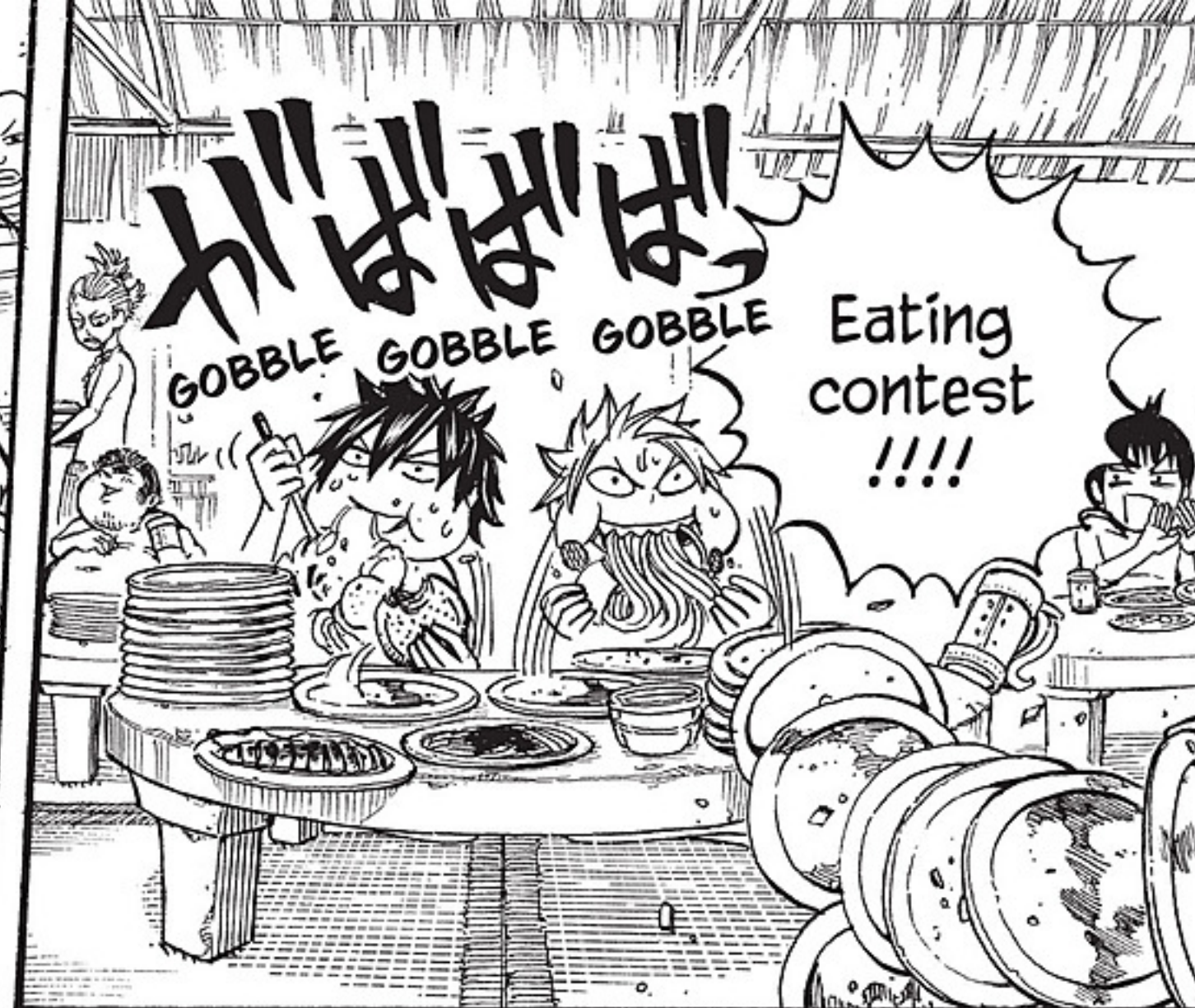
Listen,
you! We
aren't here
to play!

I don't
think you have
the right to
say that in
the get-up
you're in.

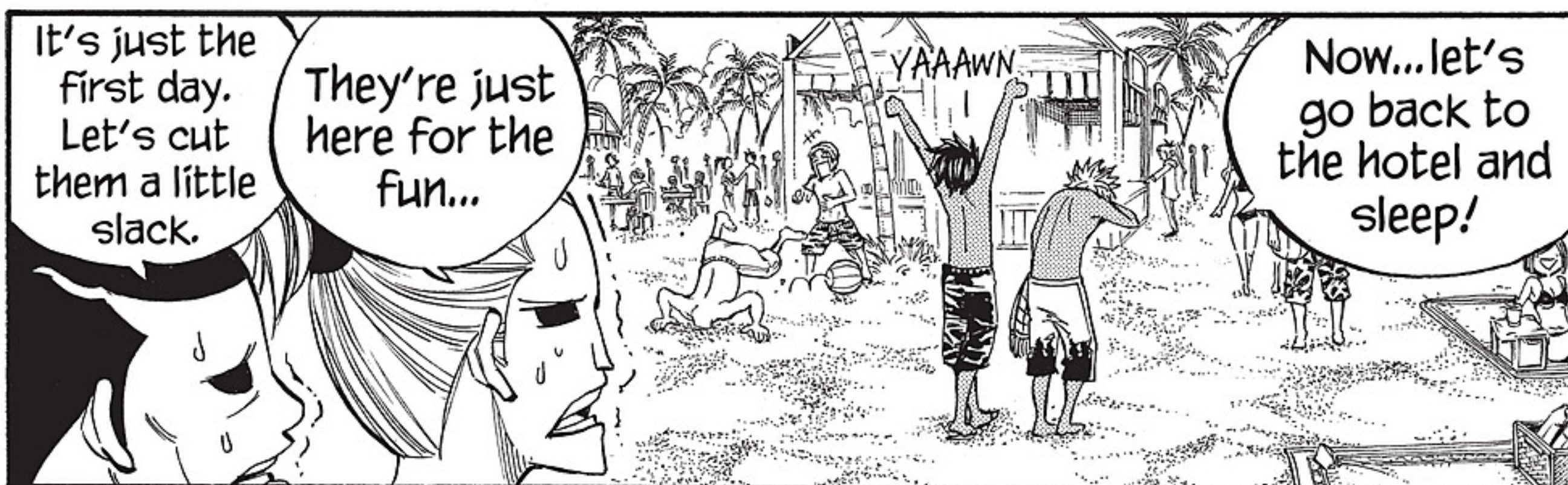




Tanning
contest
!!!!



GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE Eating
contest
!!!!

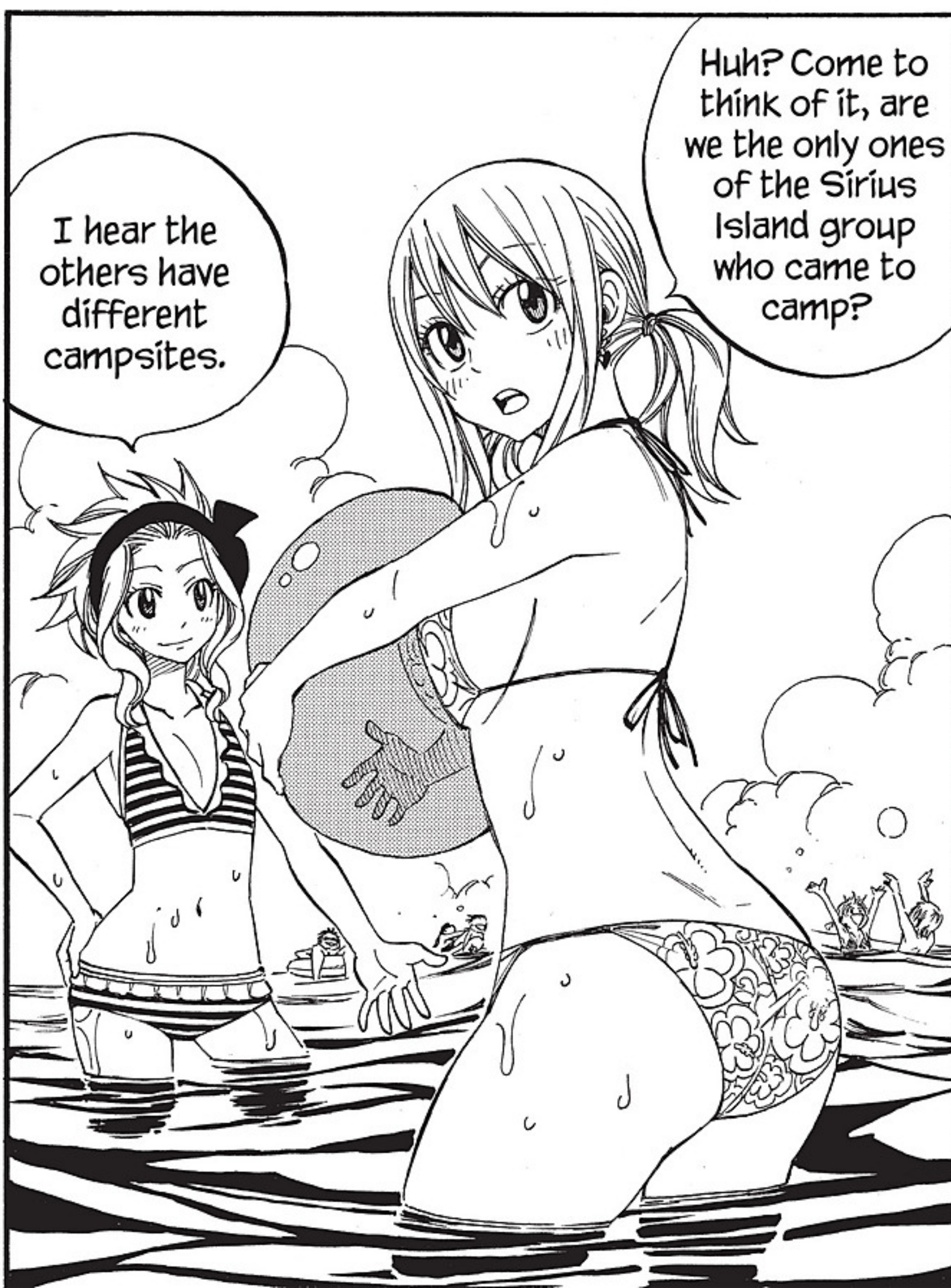


It's just the
first day.
Let's cut
them a little
slack.

They're just
here for the
fun...

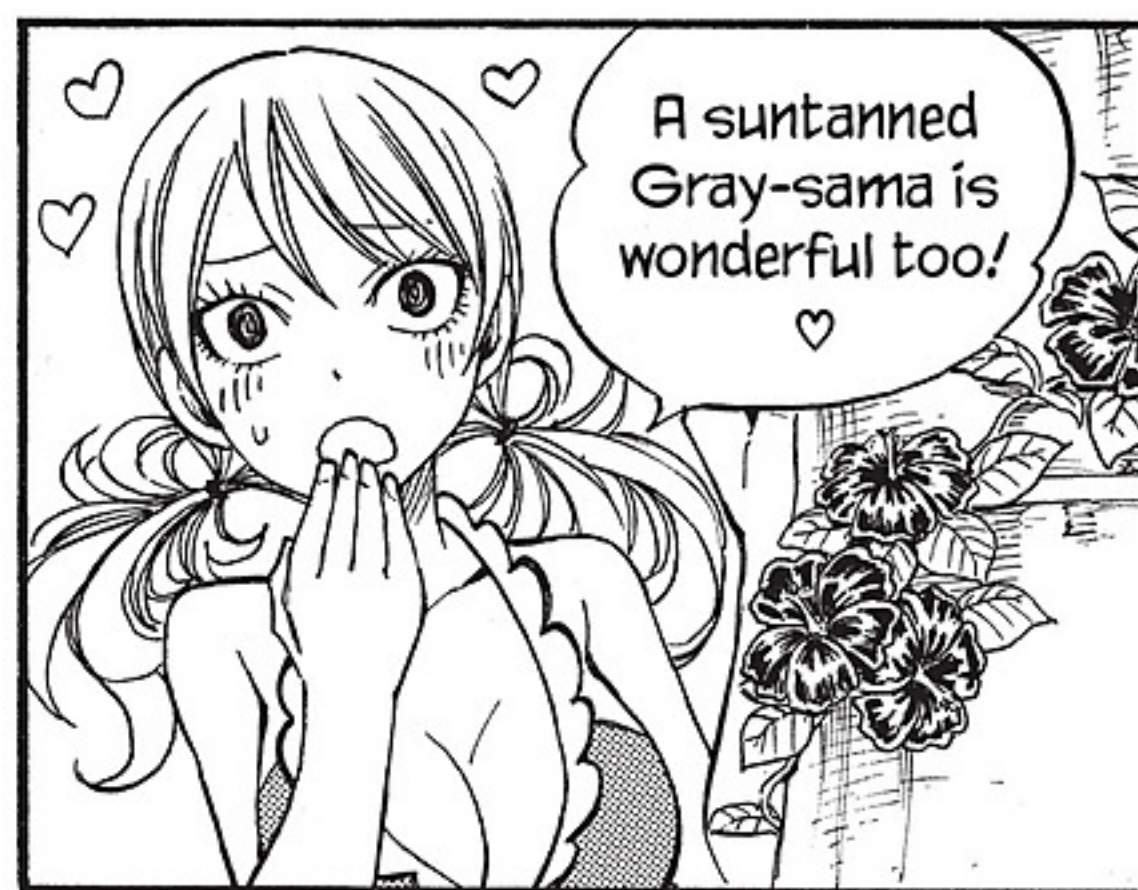
YAAAWN

Now...let's
go back to
the hotel and
sleep!



I hear the
others have
different
campsites.

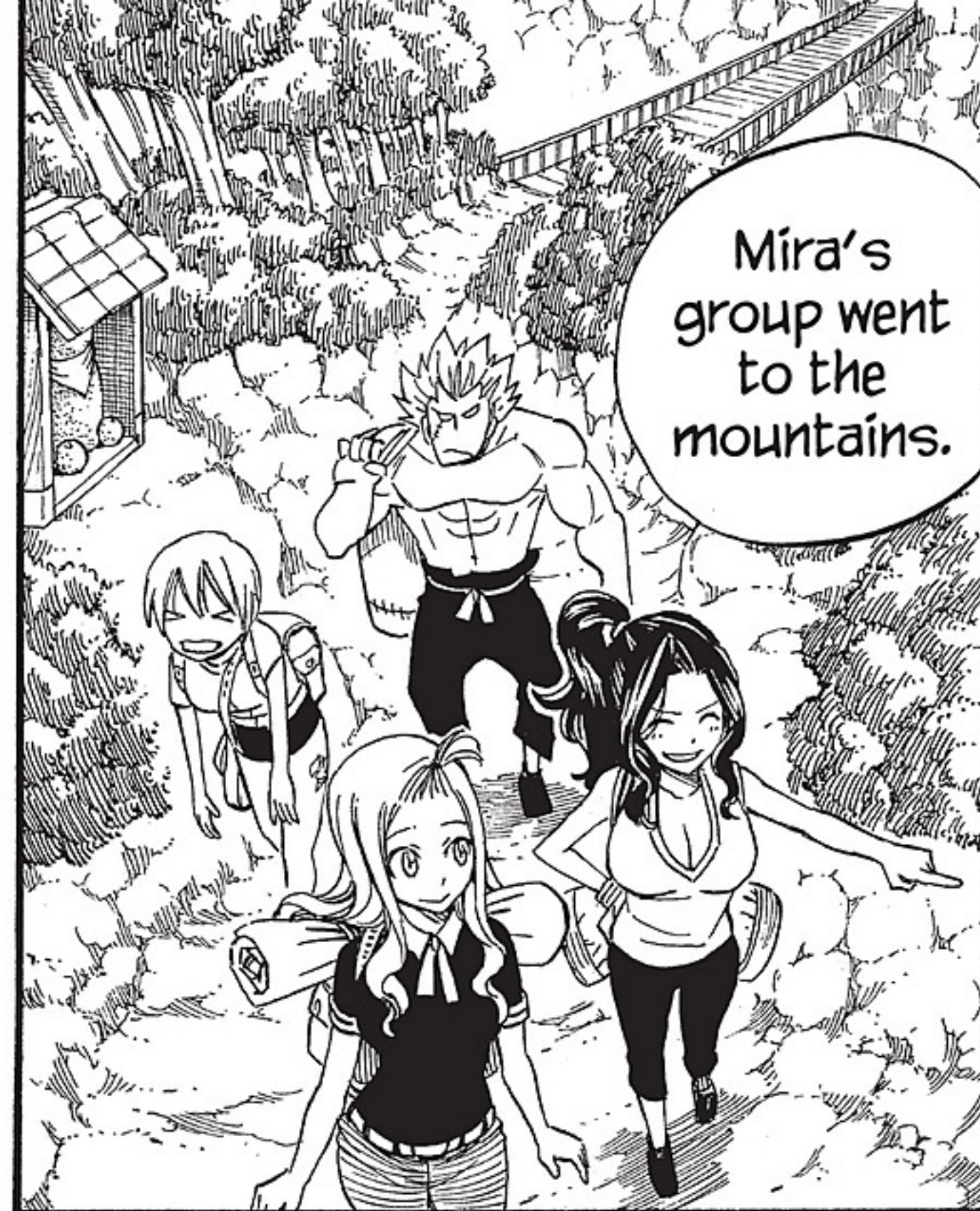
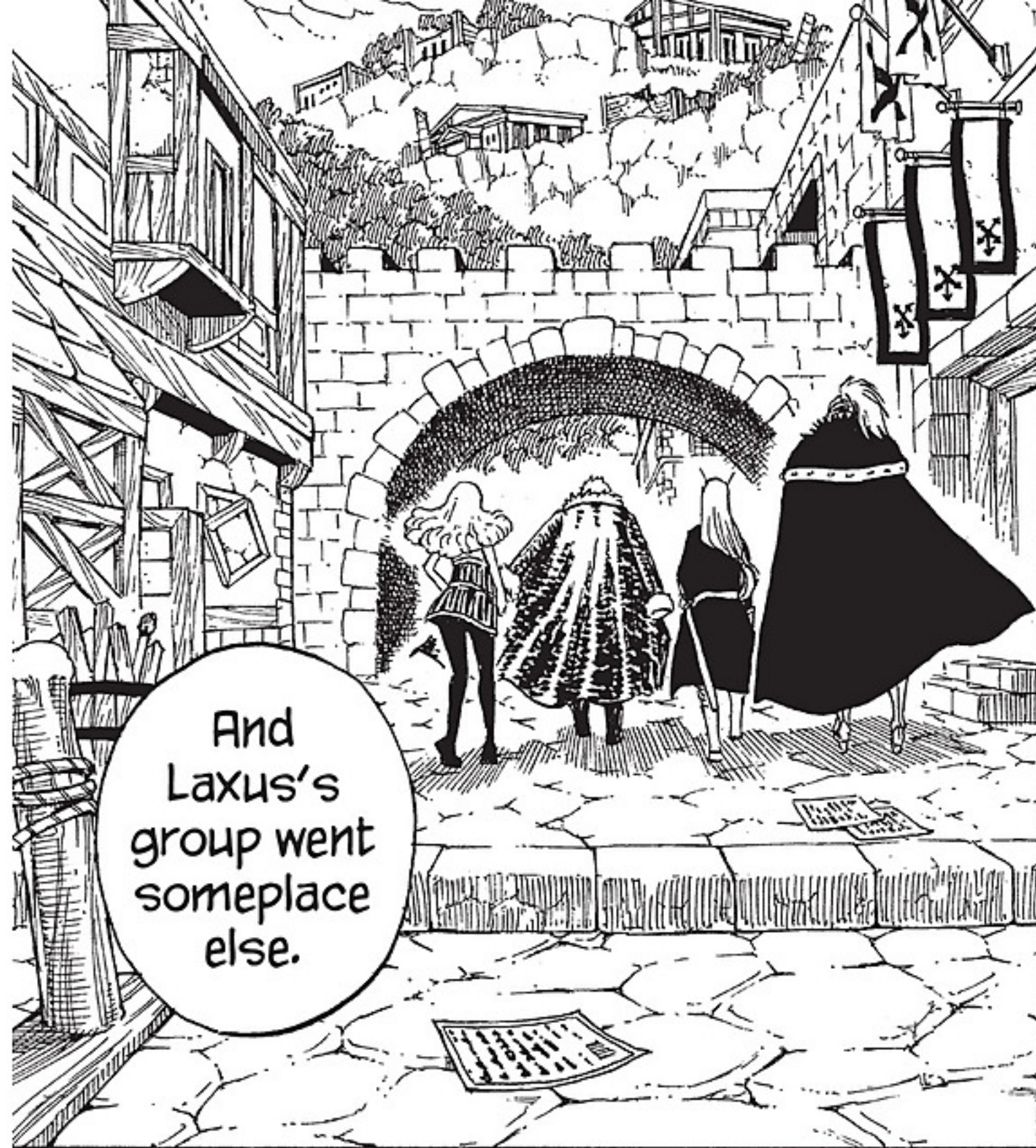
Huh? Come to
think of it, are
we the only ones
of the Sirius
Island group
who came to
camp?

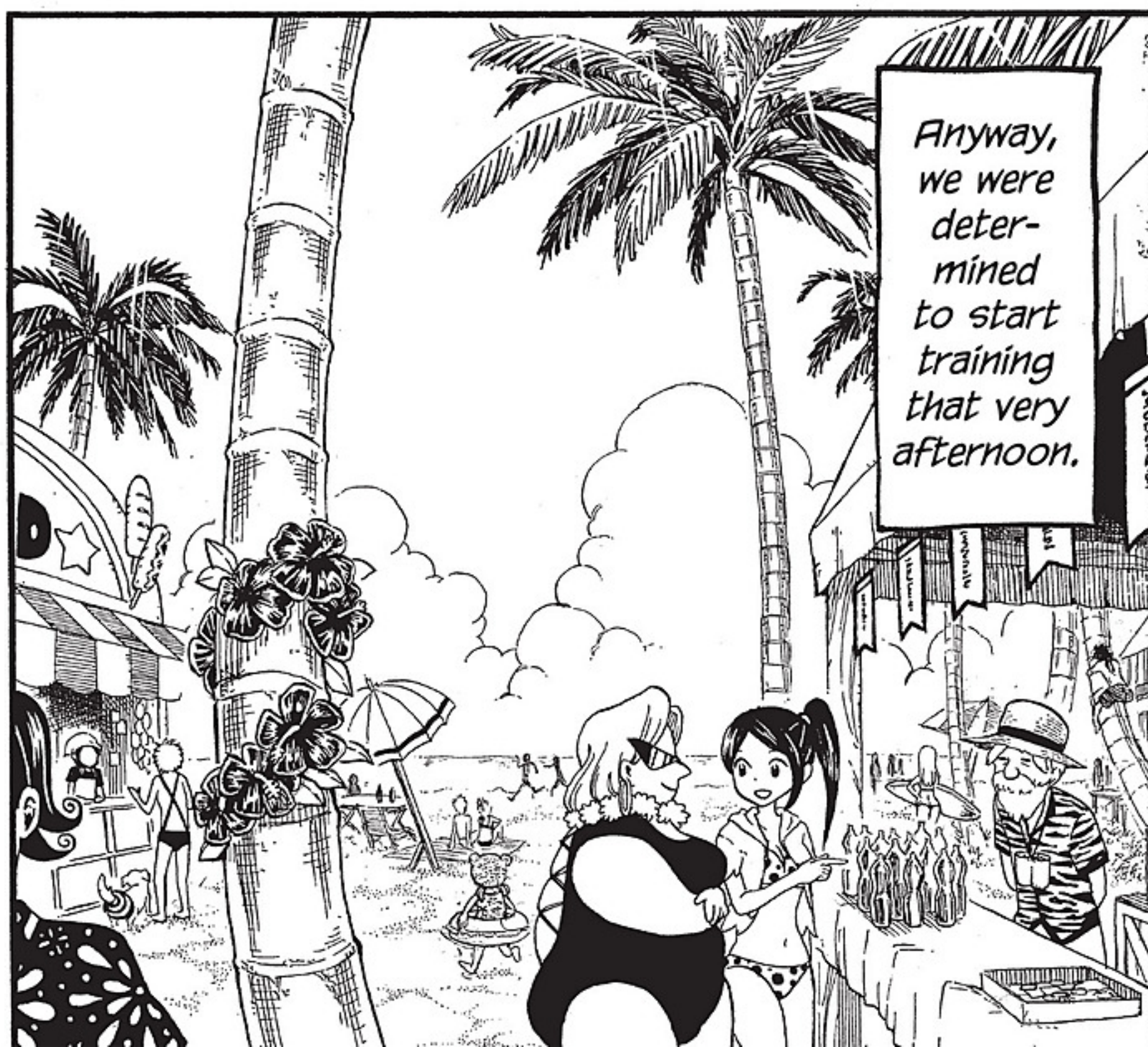
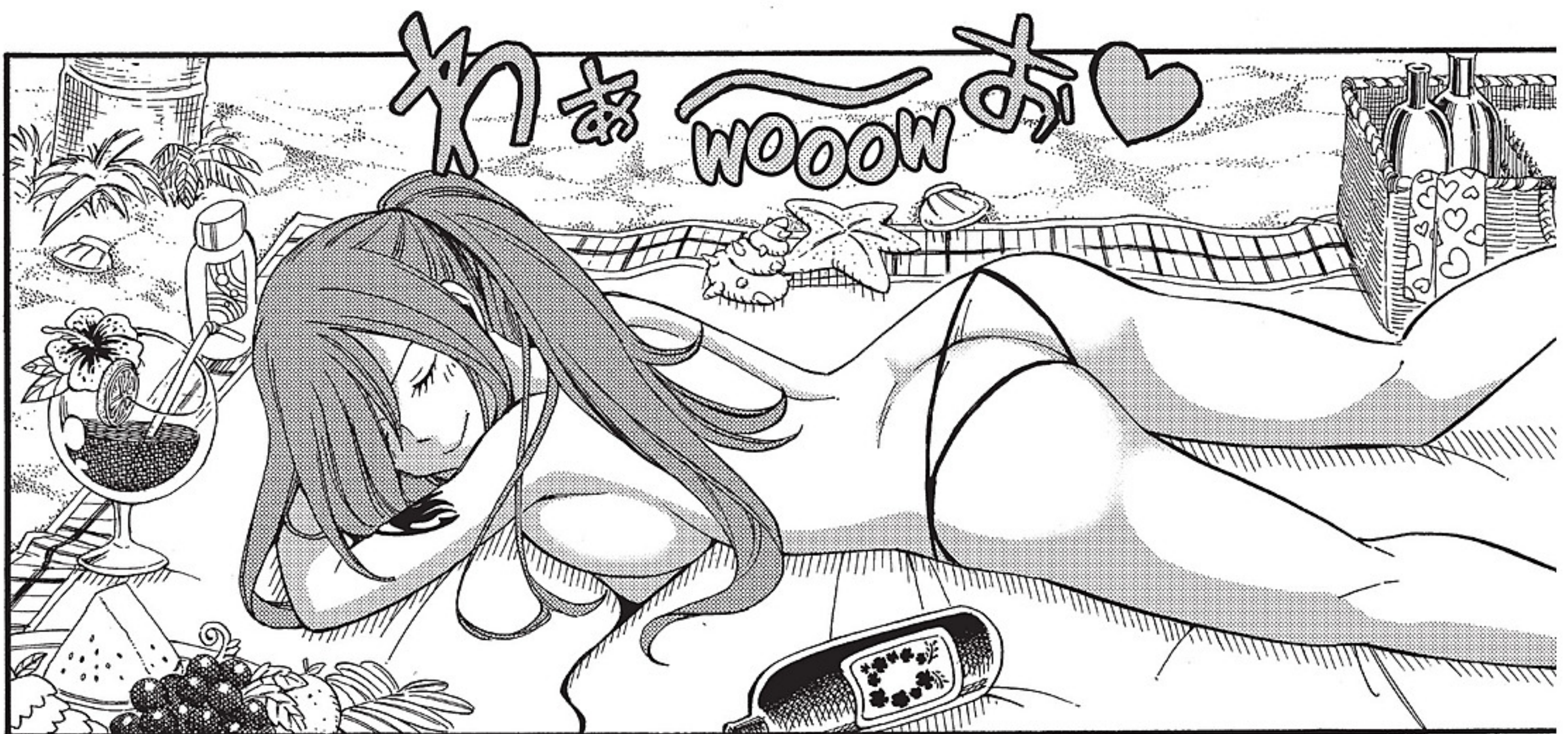
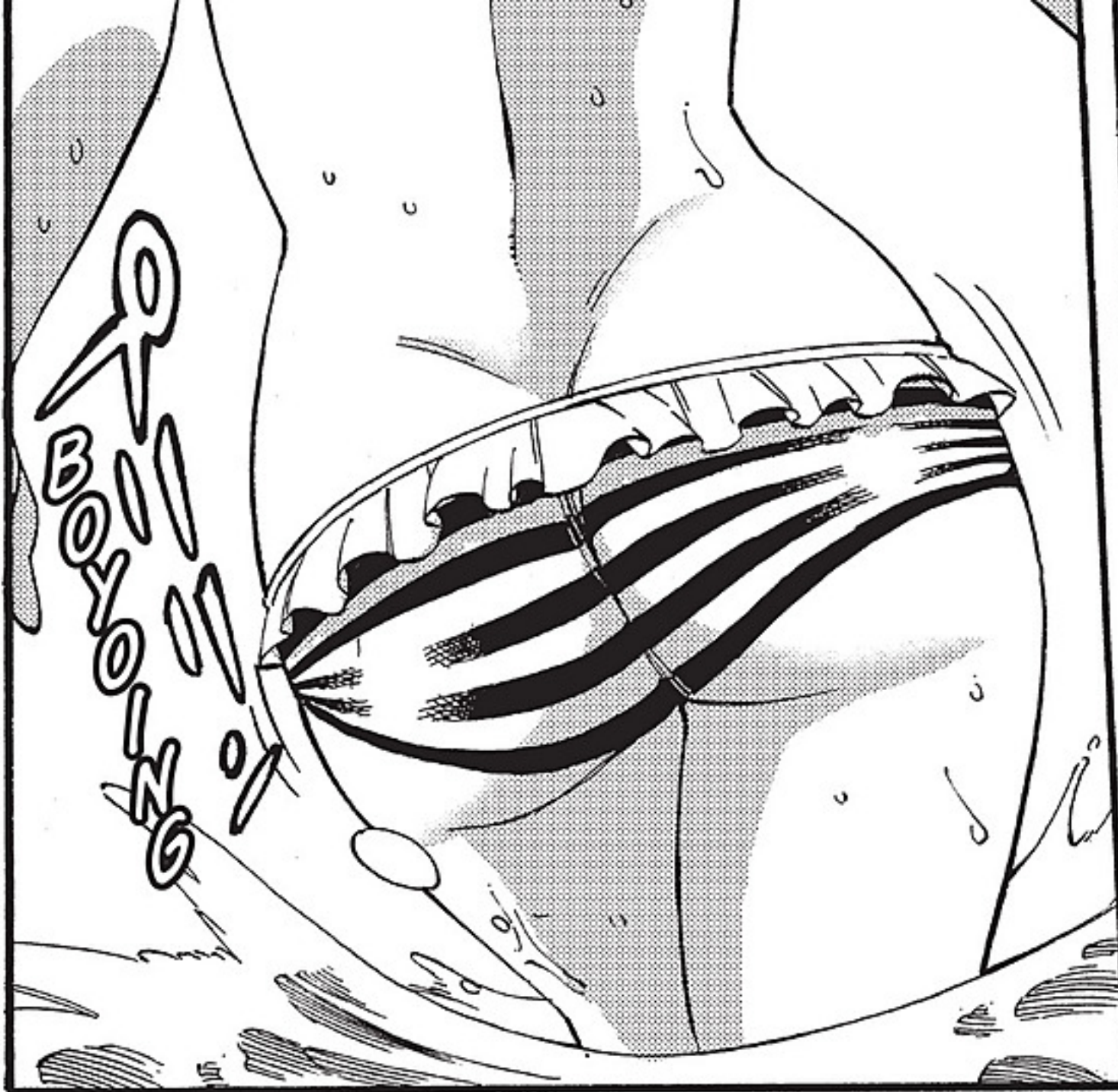


A suntanned
Gray-sama is
wonderful too!



Let's see...
How do you
read this
word?





To do that,
you must train your
nervous system until
you have formed
it into a vessel for
magic power.

Personally, I want to do something about the fact that my magic always cuts out at the most crucial moment.

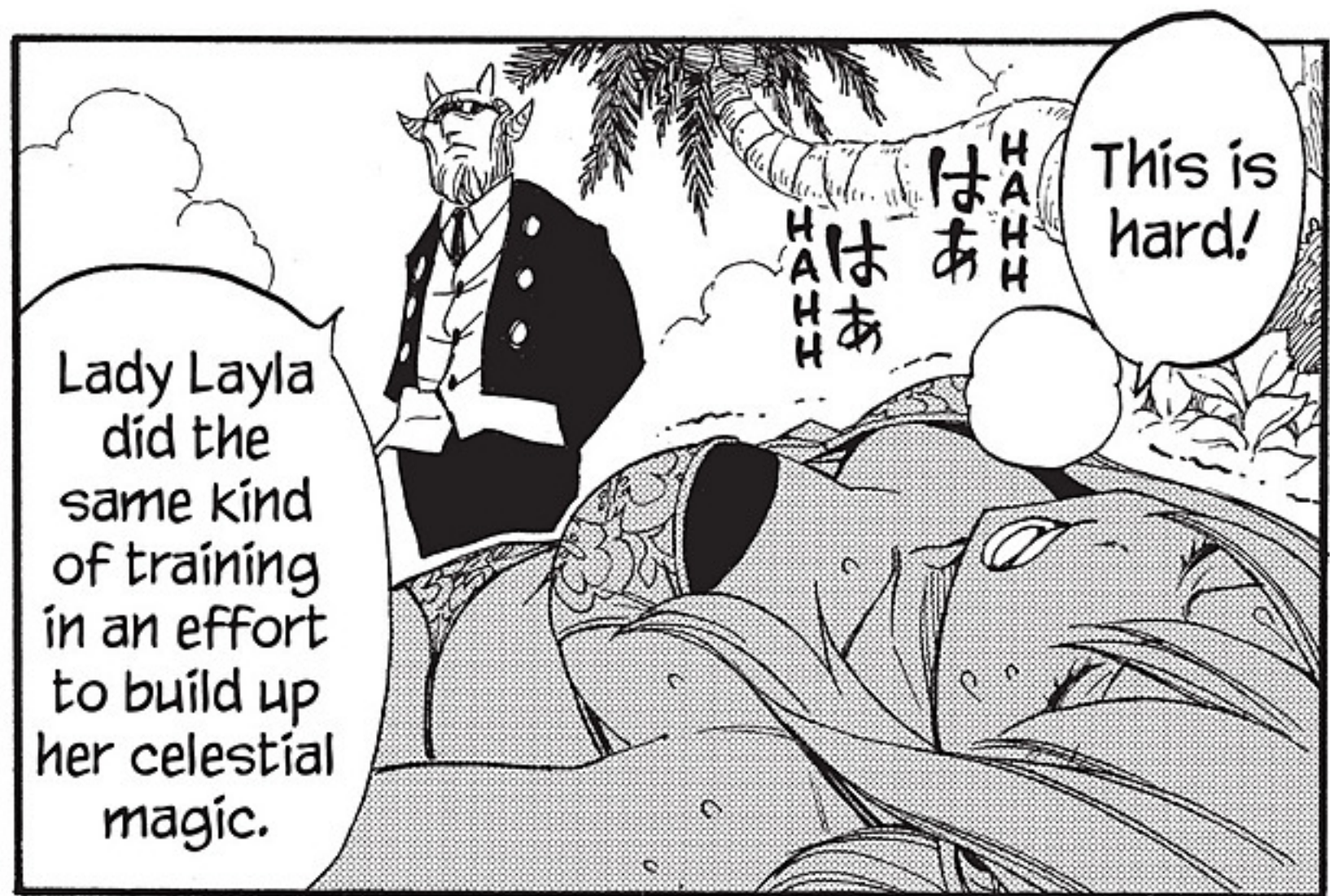
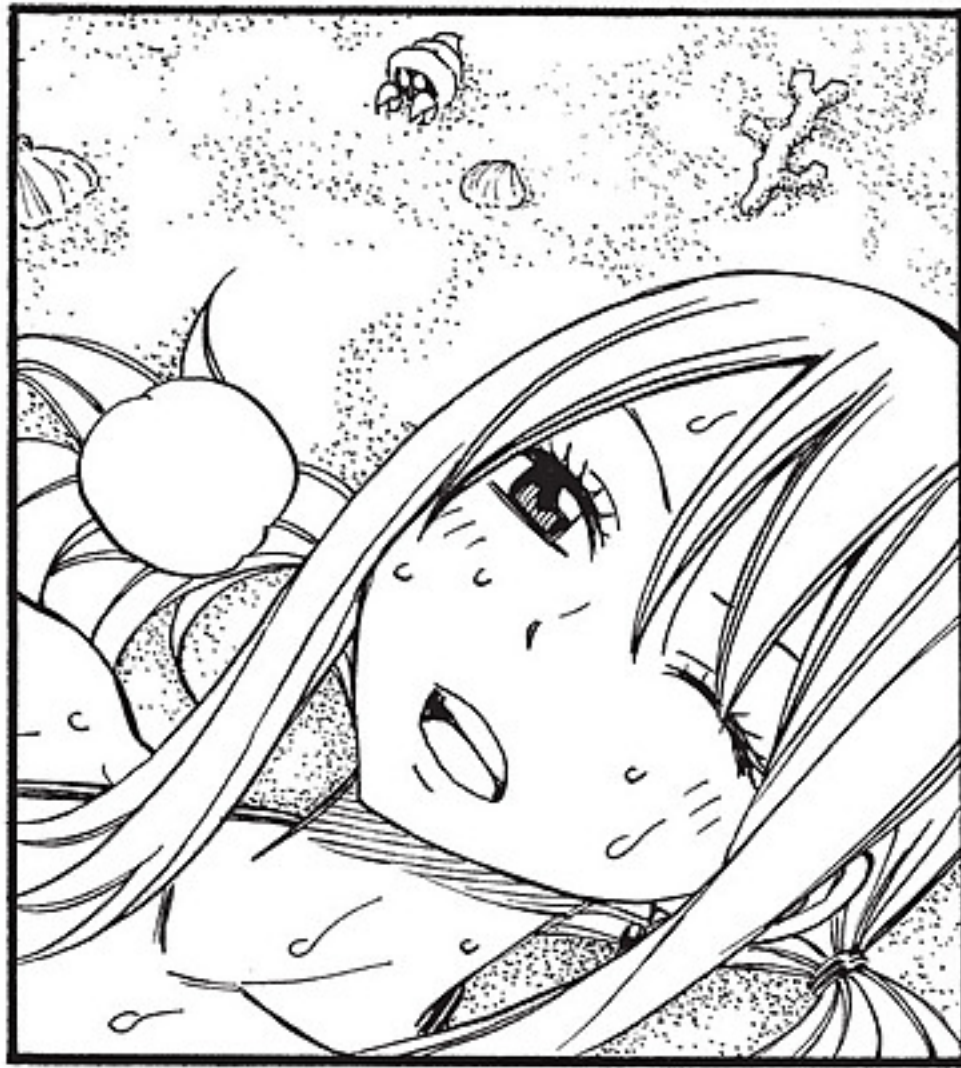
Next, breath so deeply you become one with nature.

...the wind... your energy... Feel it all through your skin.

You must feel the earth...

...the wind...
your energy...
Feel it all
through your
skin.

must
feel the
earth...)



Lady Layla did the same kind of training in an effort to build up her celestial magic.

This is hard!



My mother told me about it once...

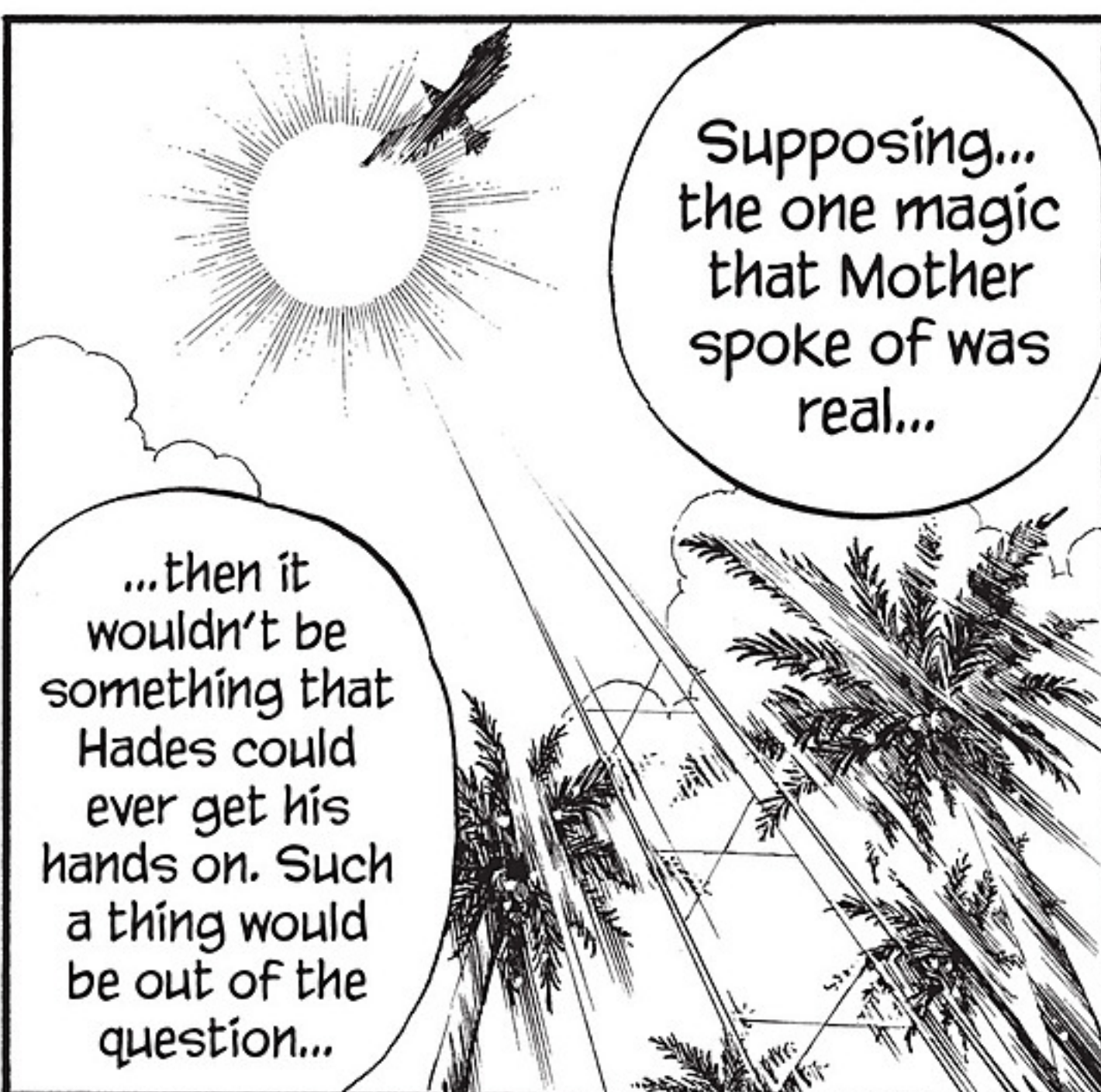


Hades was talking about it. He said he wanted to get his hands on it.

You mean the point where all magic is said to have started?



Say... Have you ever heard of the *one magic*?



...then it wouldn't be something that Hades could ever get his hands on. Such a thing would be out of the question...

Supposing... the one magic that Mother spoke of was real...



...May I ask what you mean?



But what she said wasn't as awful as Zeref or the Great Magic World.



She
said it was
so powerful
nothing could
ever surpass
it... but also
weak at the
same time.

It'd
obviously
be incredibly
difficult
to obtain
something
like that.



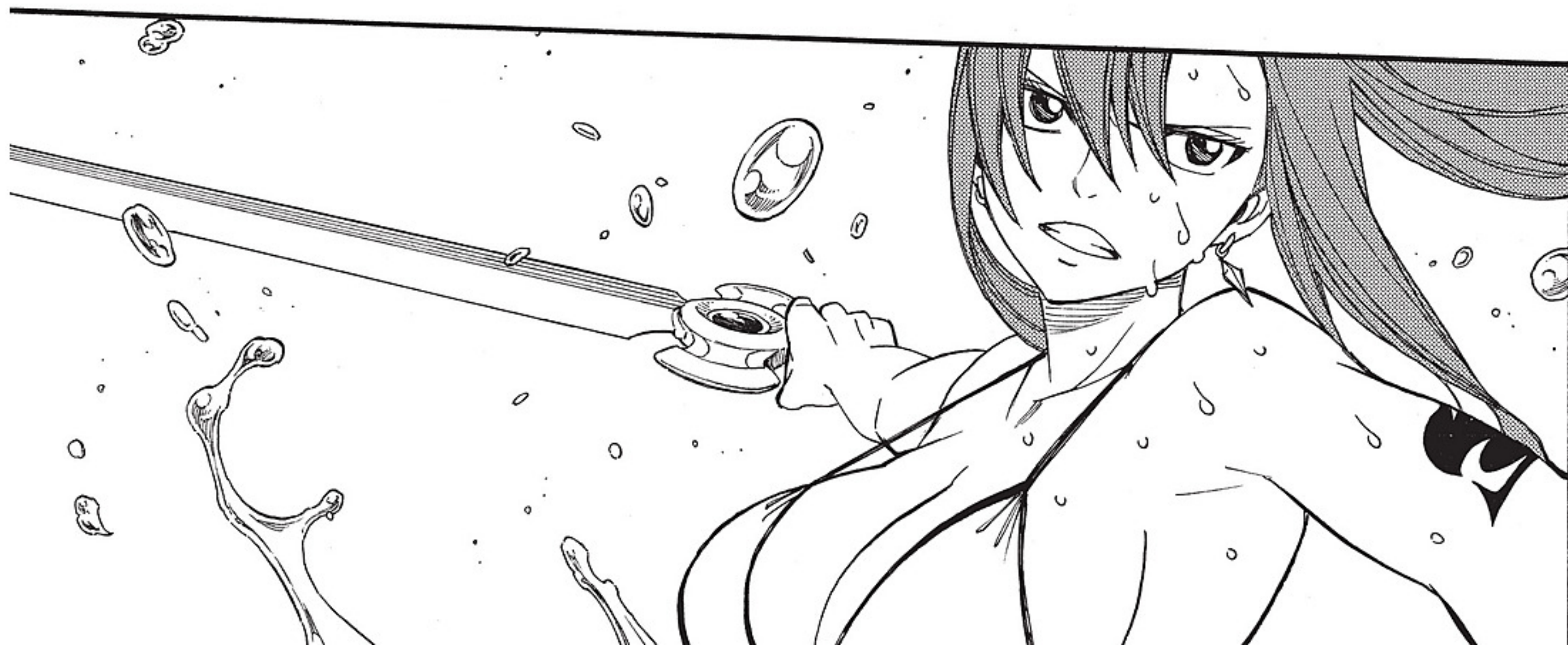
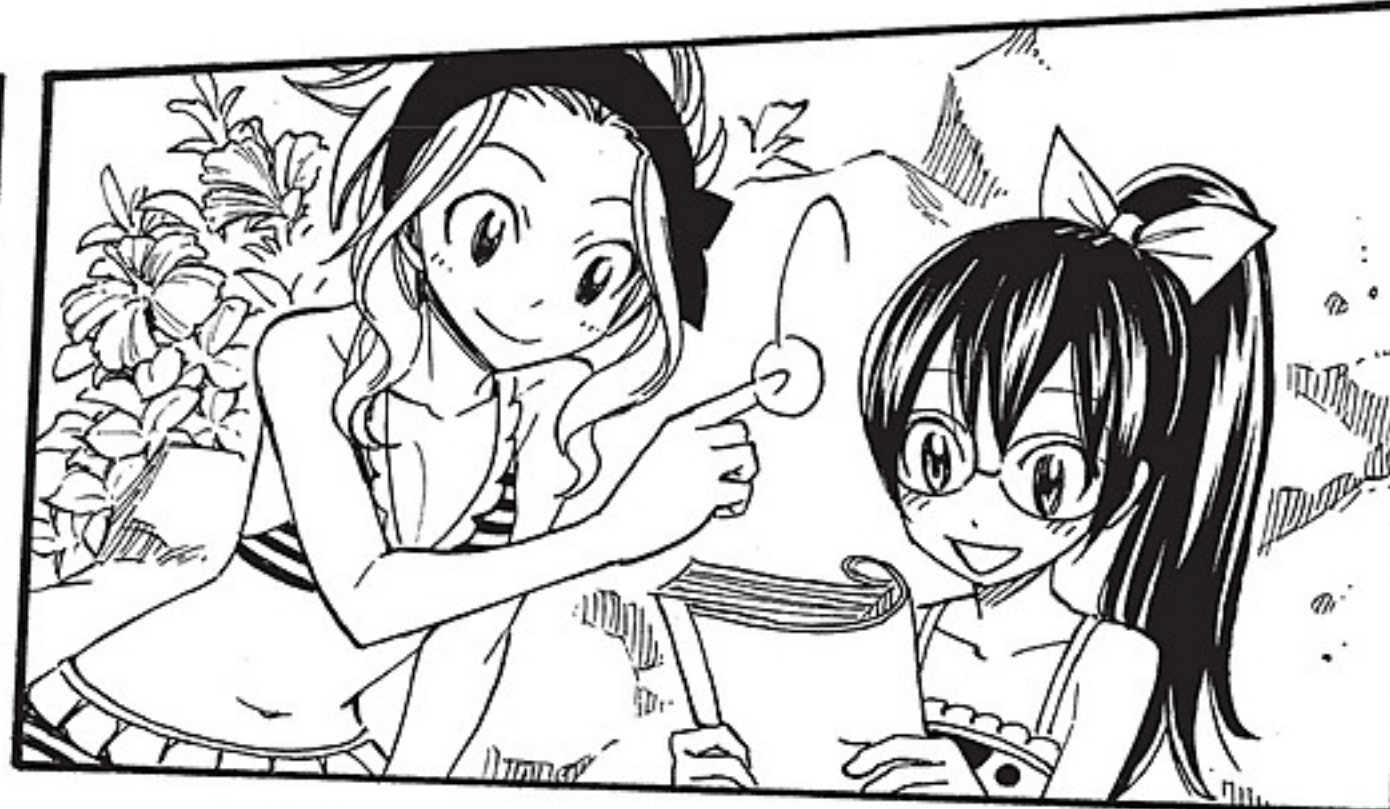
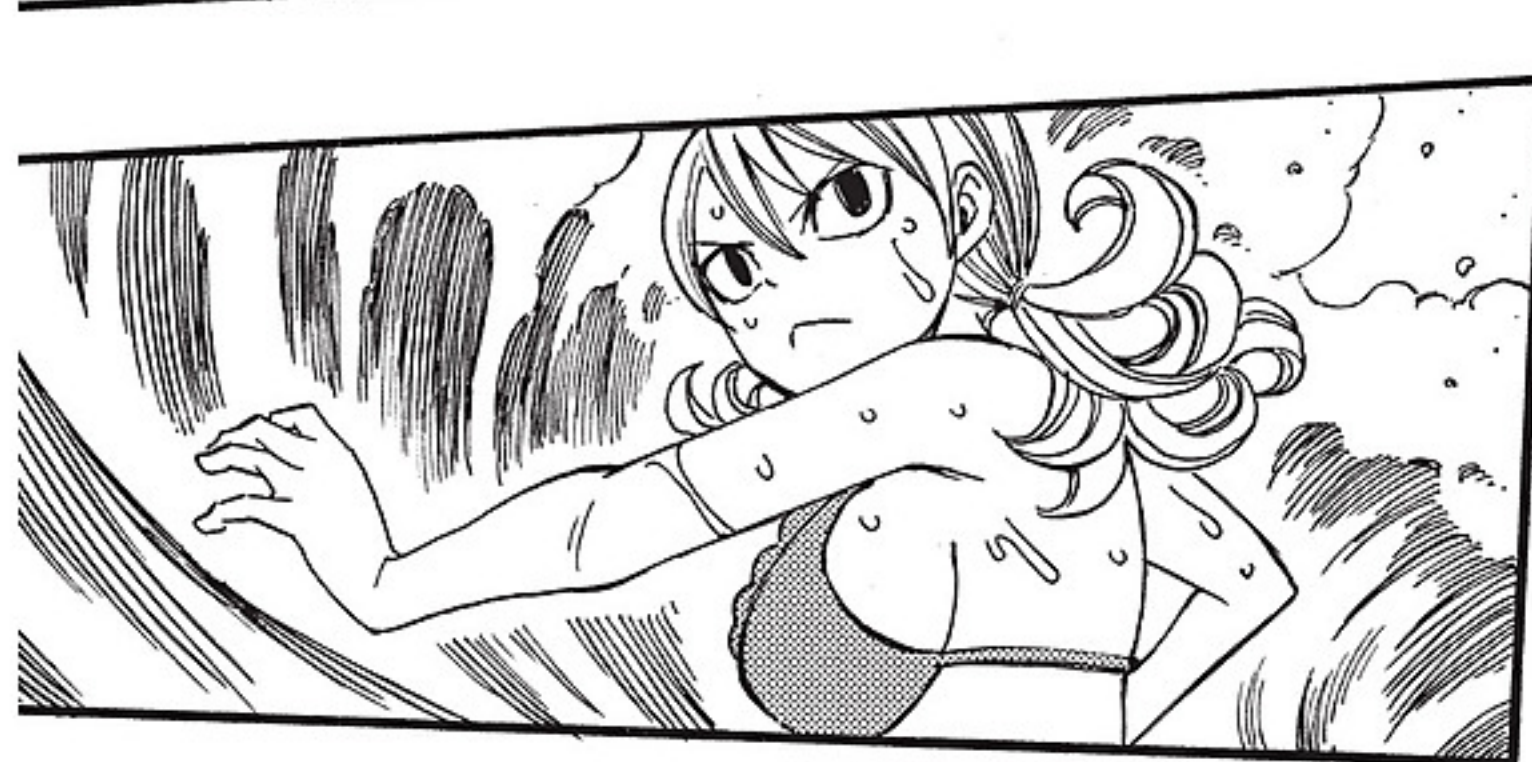
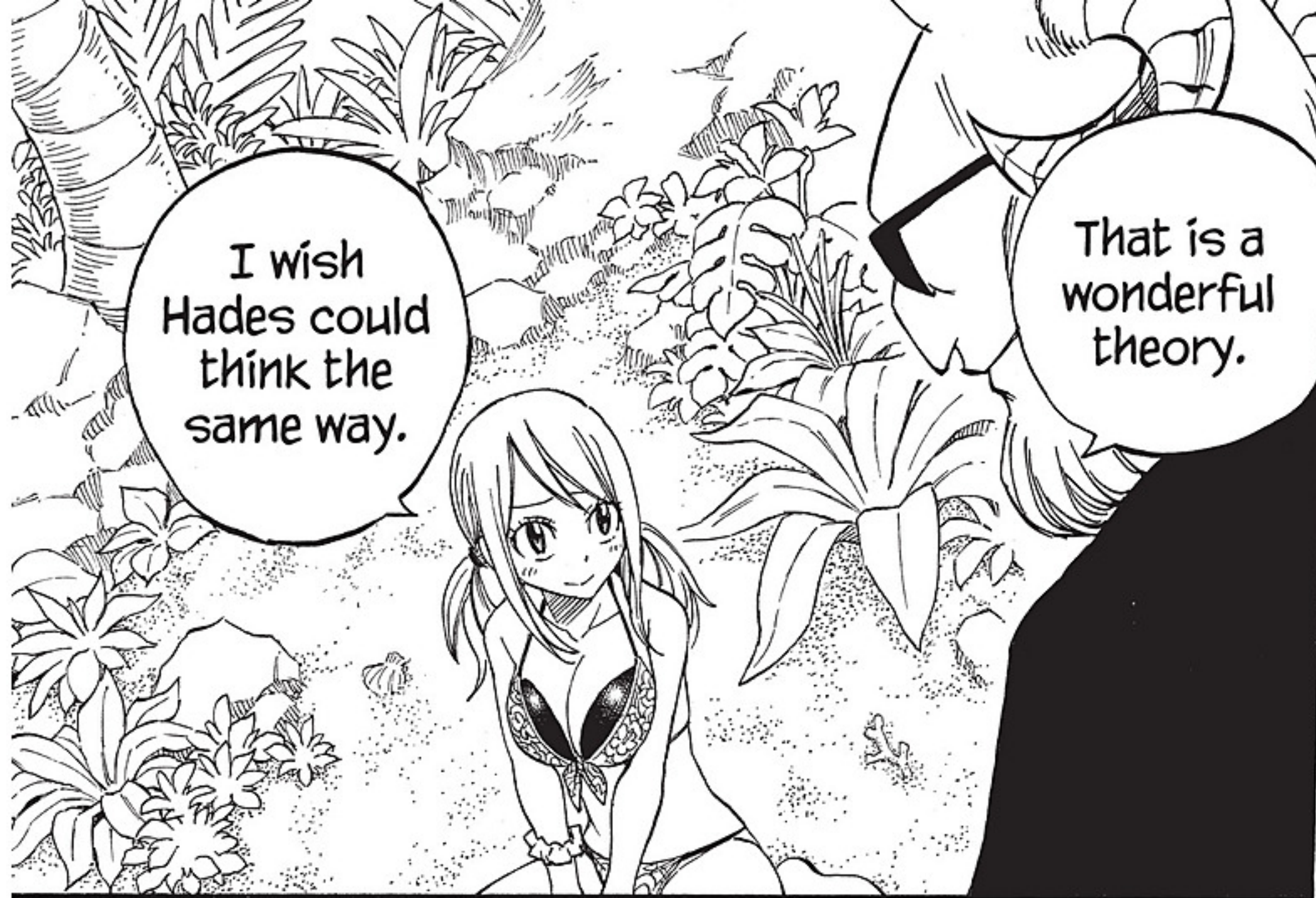
...all magic
came out
of love.

According
to Mom...



**That's why I
think the one
magic...**

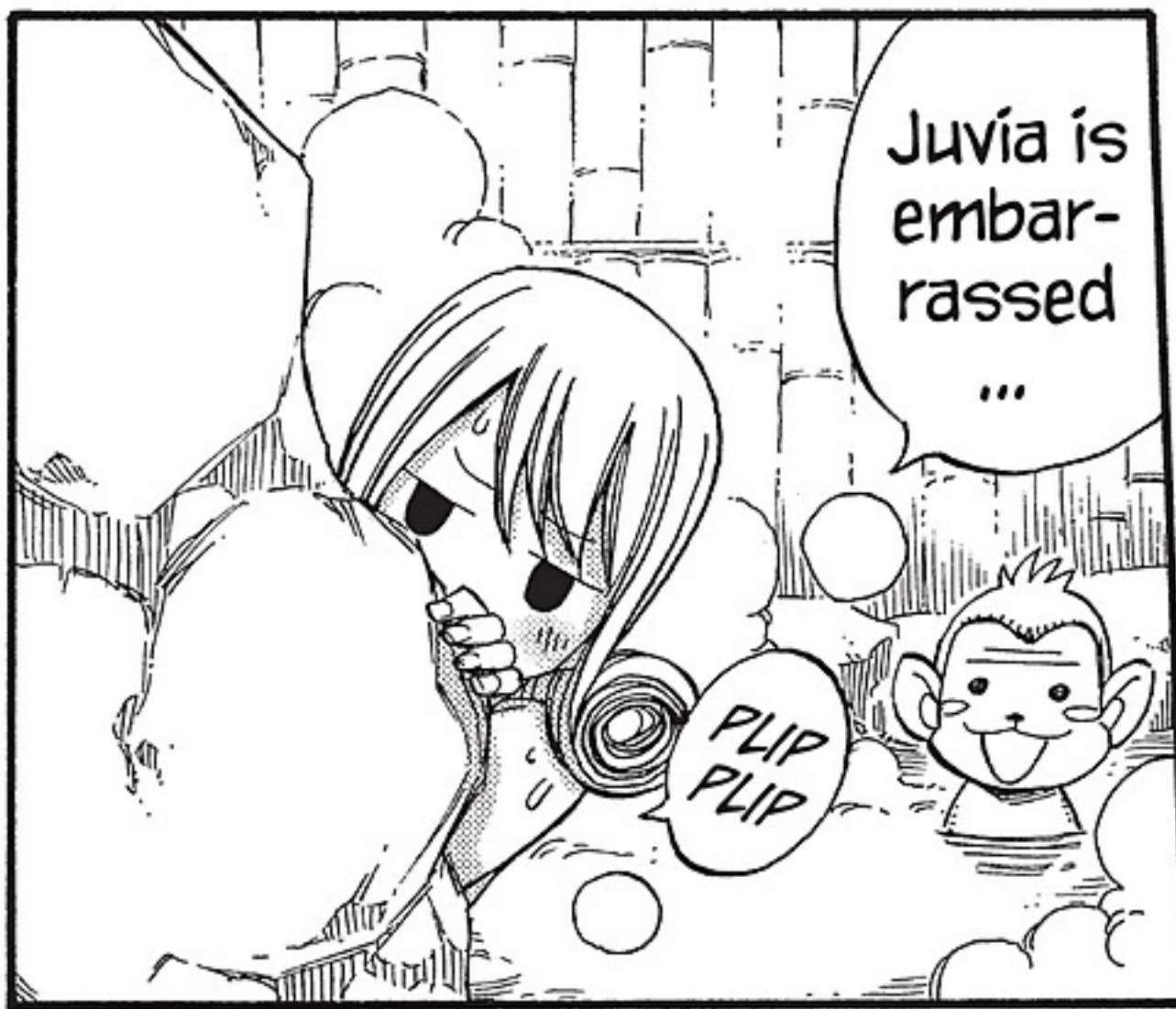
**...is
LOVE.**

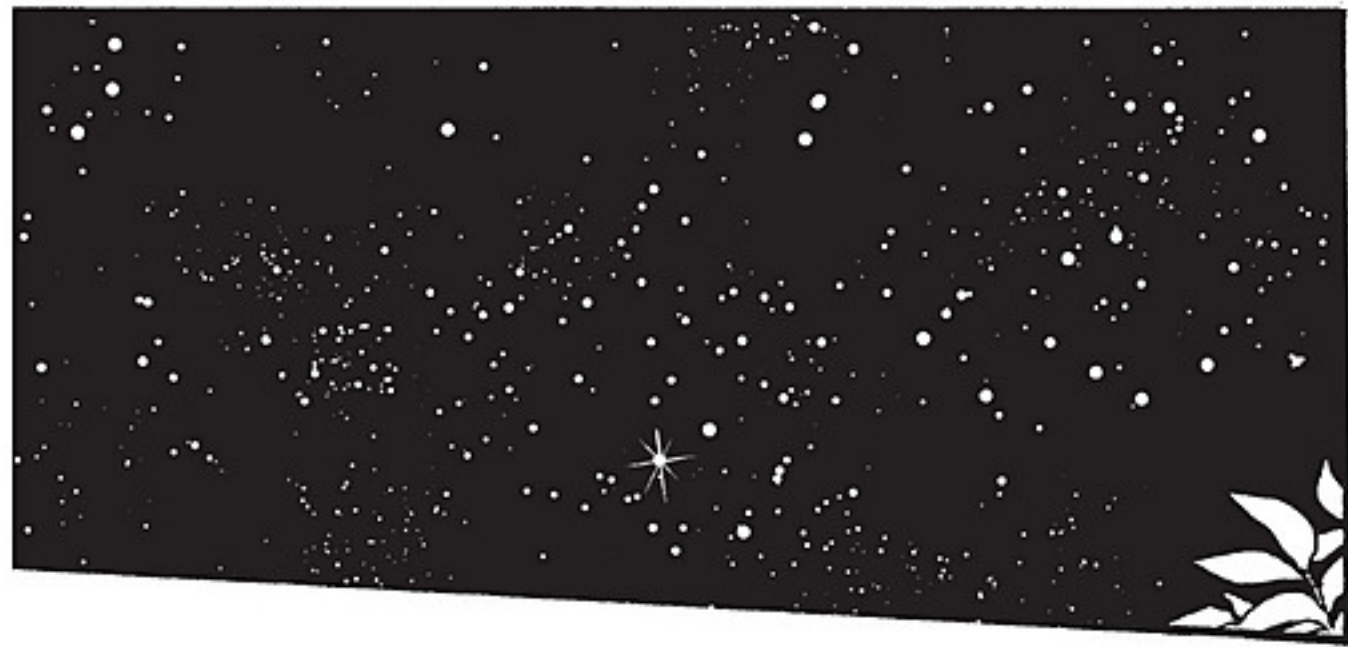


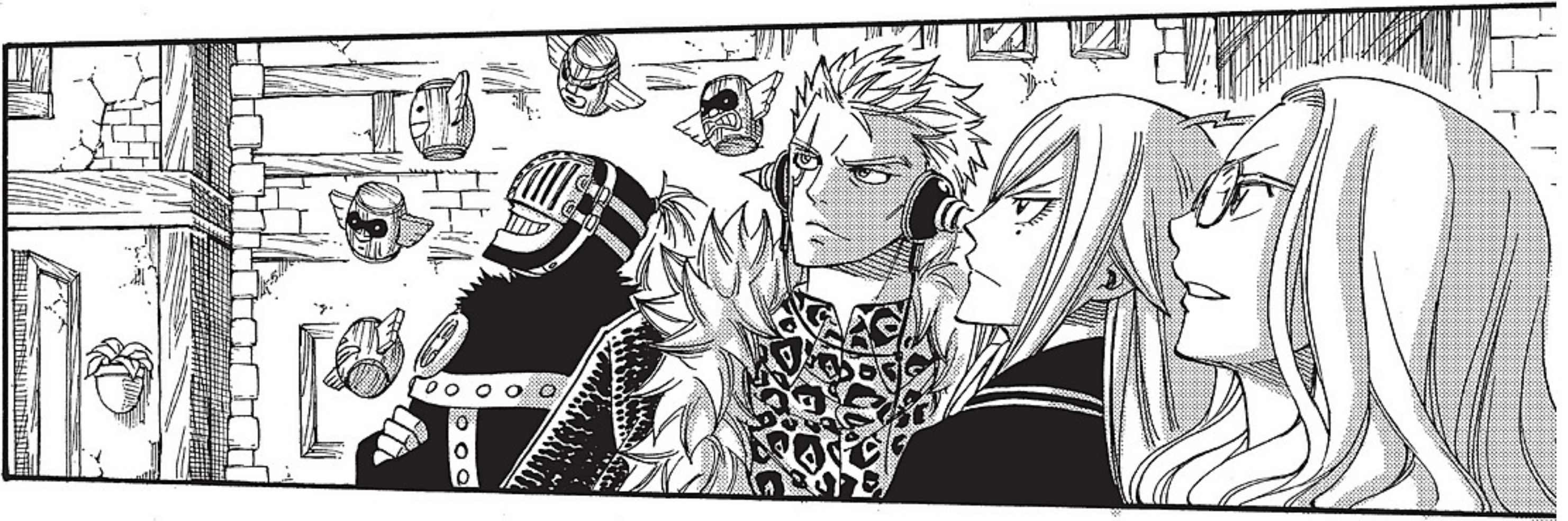
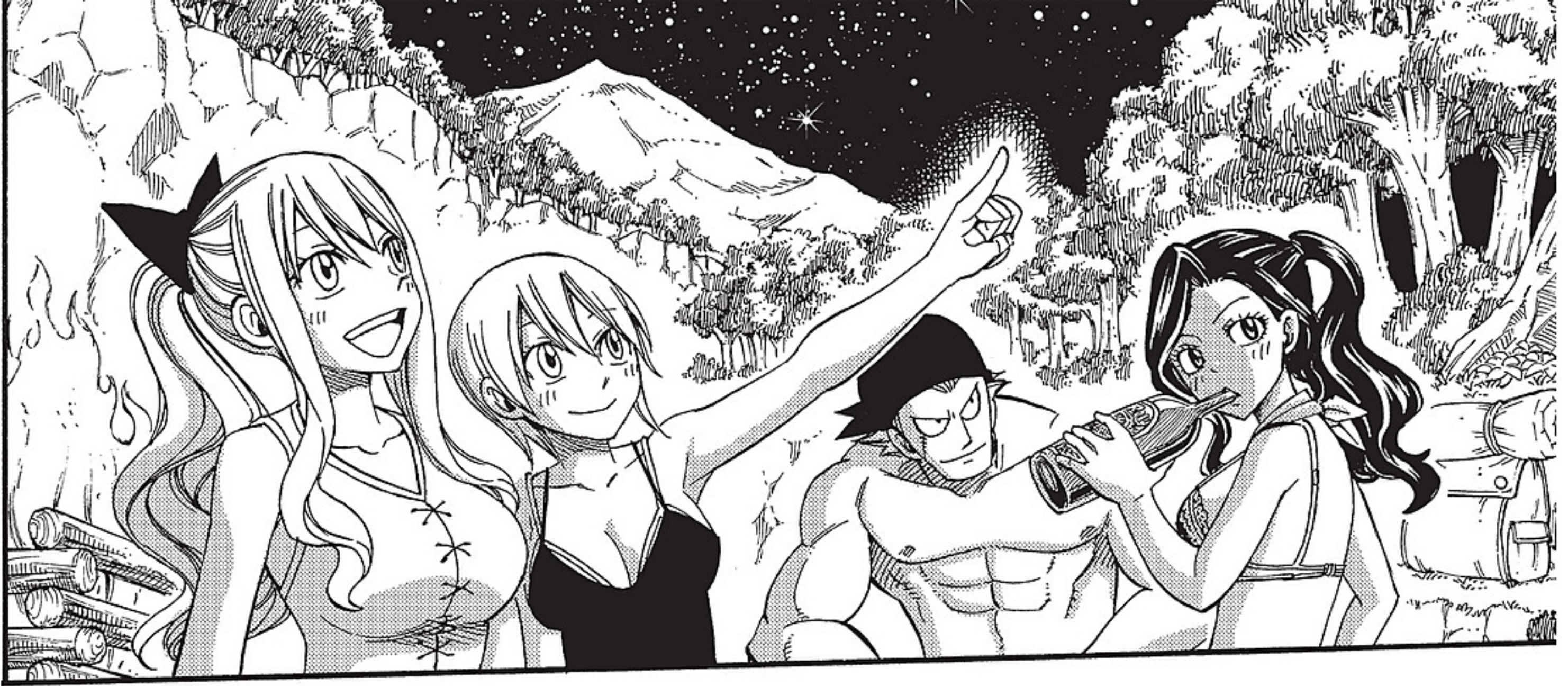


*Akane Inn











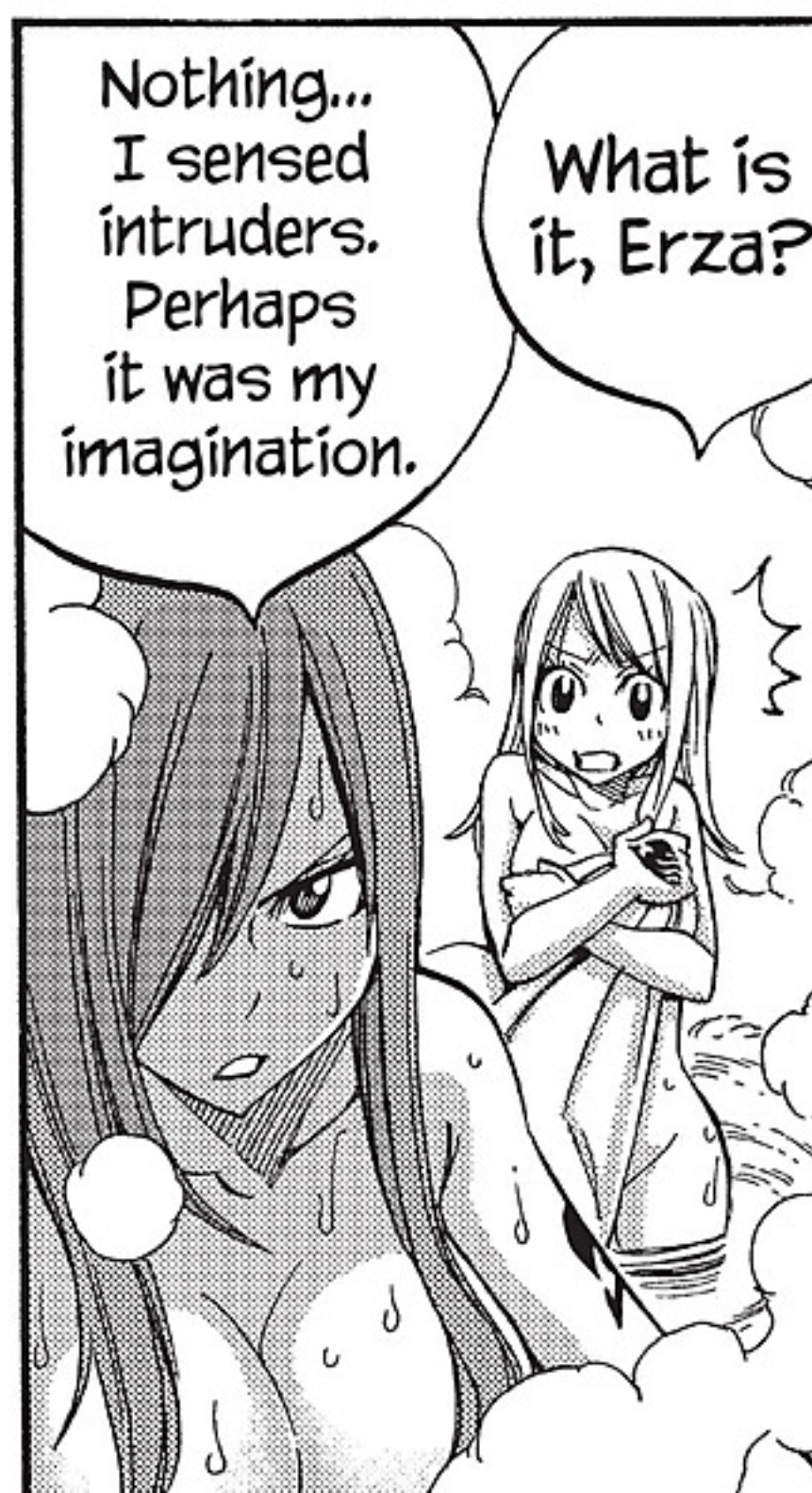
**I have to
work a lot
harder,
too!!**



That'd
be the
worst!!

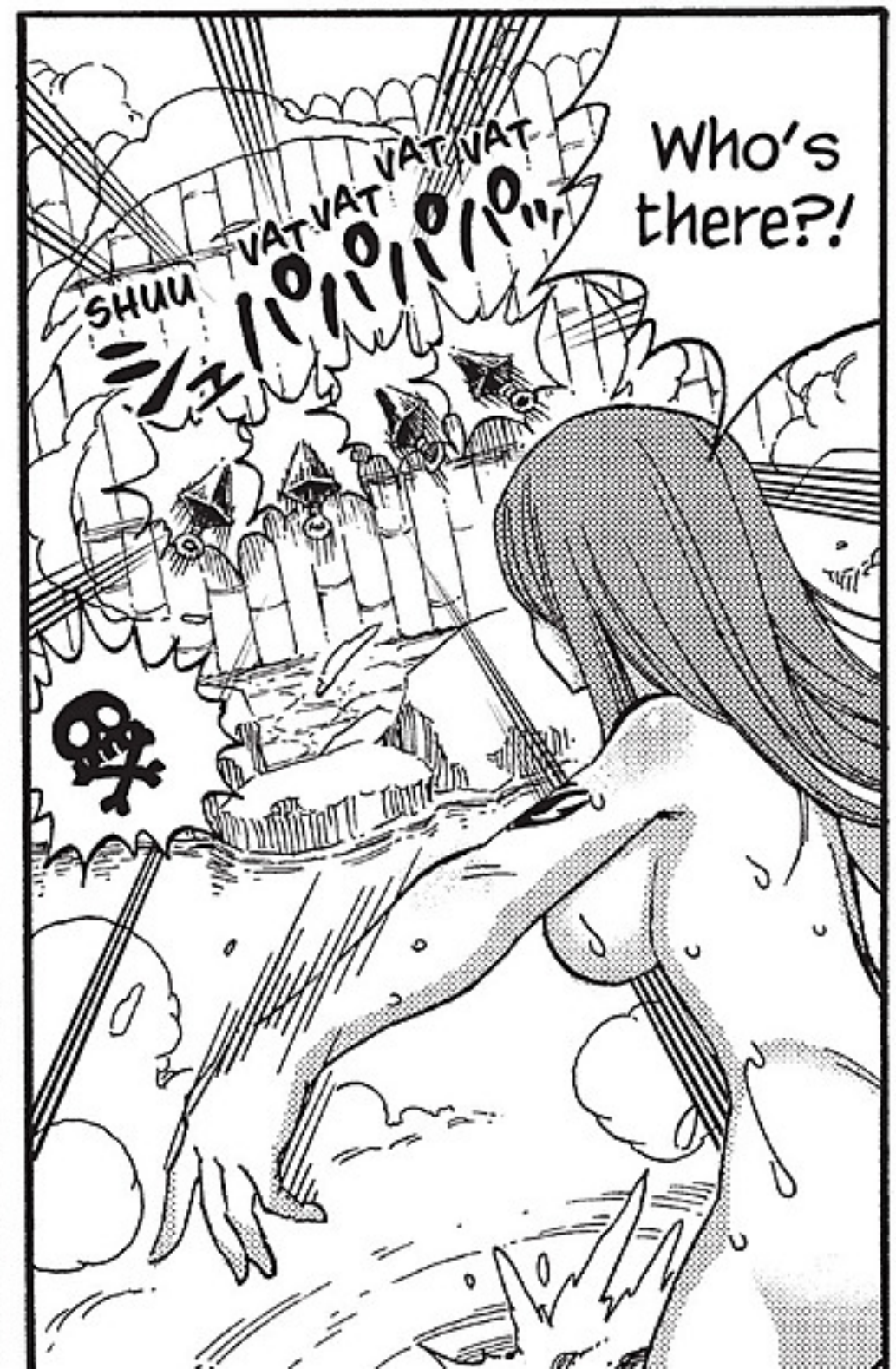
It couldn't
be the guys
peeping,
could it?

Gray-sama
would never
do such a
thing!!

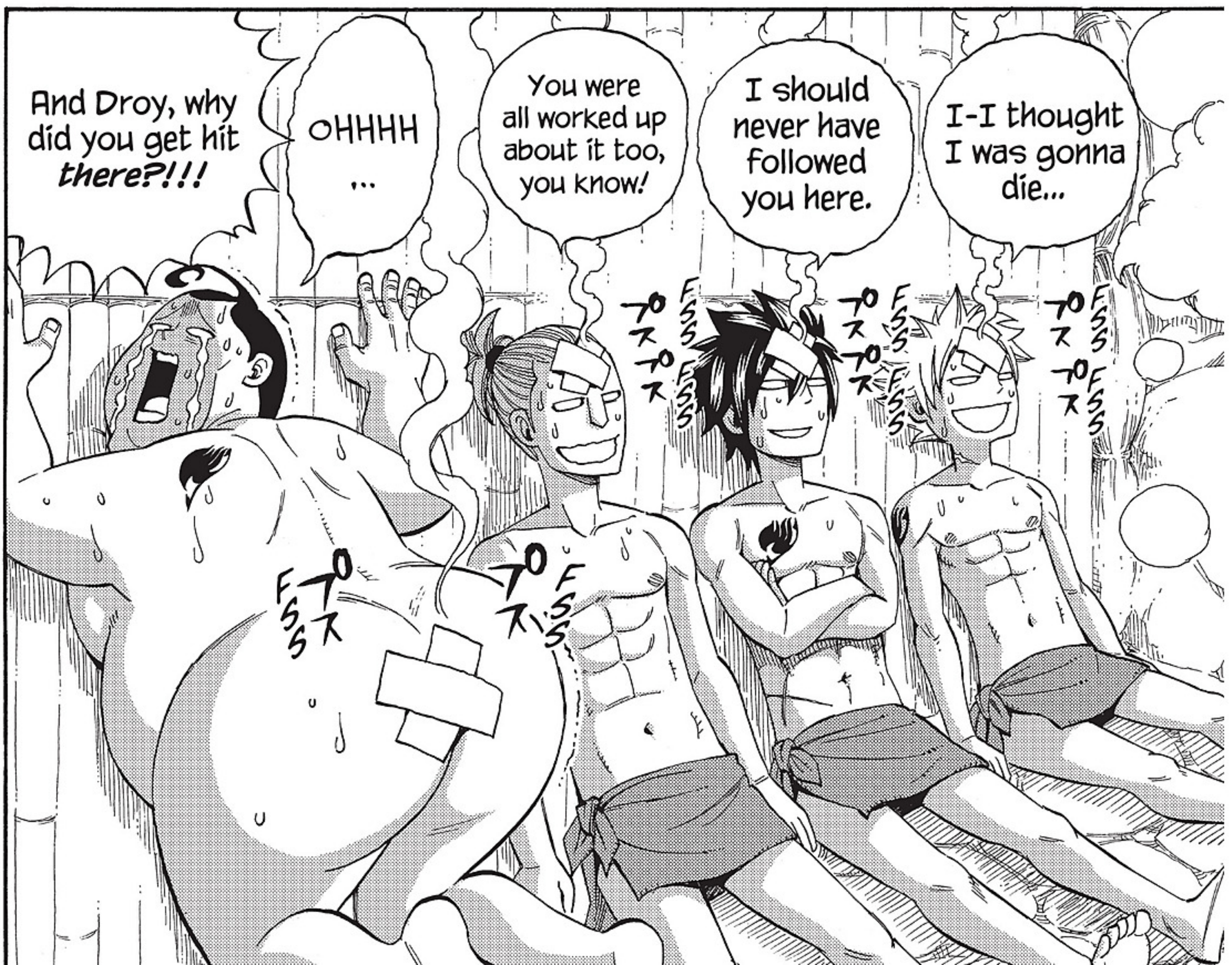
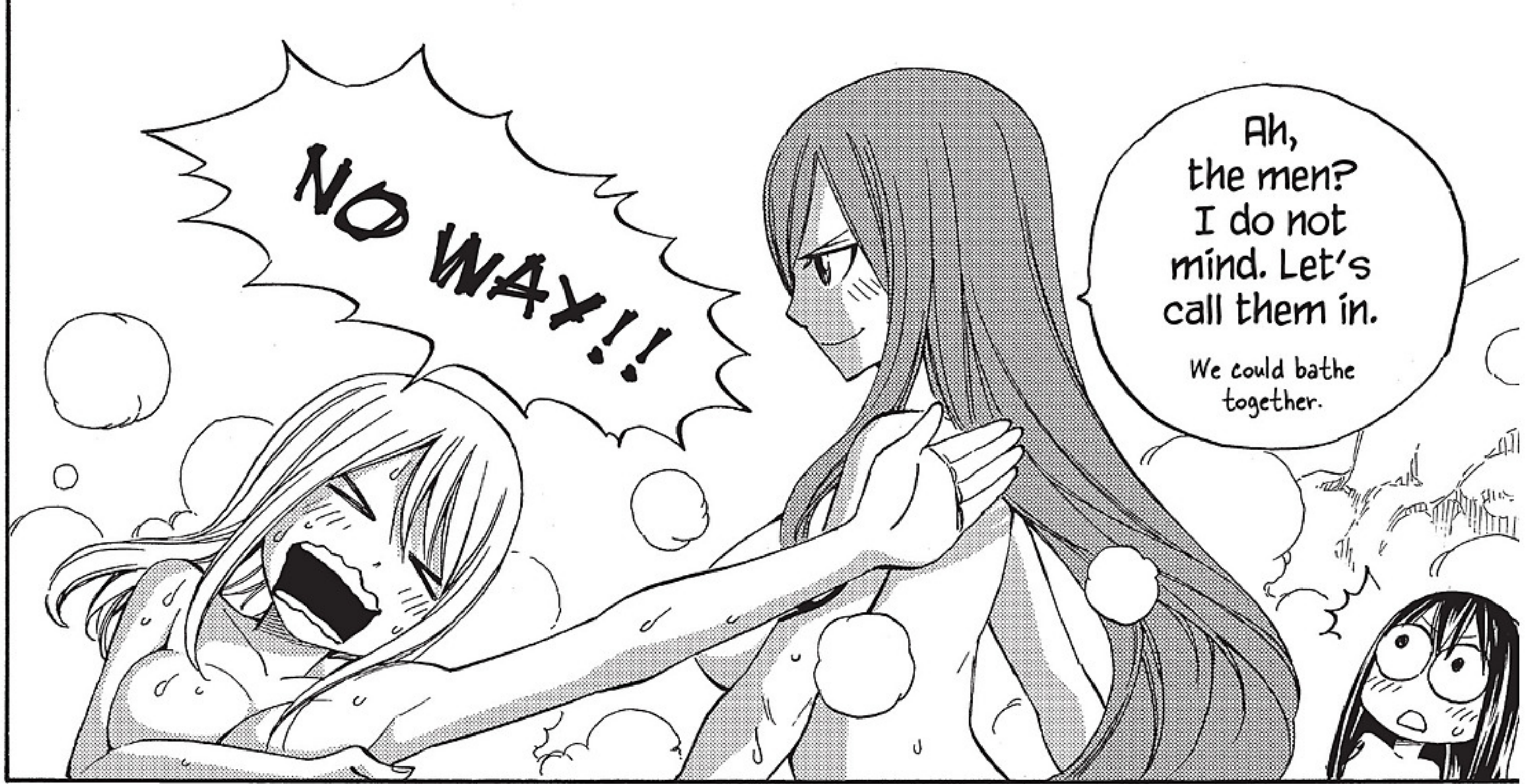


Nothing...
I sensed
intruders.
Perhaps
it was my
imagination.

What is
it, Erza?



Who's
there?!



FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL	
Name:	Wakaba Mine
Age:	43
Magic:	Smoke Magic
Likes:	Liquor, tobacco, women
Dislikes:	His wife



Remarks

He was top aide to the fourth master, Macao, for seven years. As such, it could also be said that he was one of those who allowed Fairy Tail's strength to weaken criminally during those years. His tendency toward sexual harassment has angered guild women including Laki and Kinana (guild employees).

He has a daughter about the same age as Romeo, but recently she has not been speaking to him. She has declared that she will join Twilight Ogre when she gets a little bigger, and he was in the midst of doing everything he could to dissuade her when the Sirius Island group returned. Now, a bit of hope has returned to Wakaba's life.

With only
three
months
to go
before
the Grand
Magic
Games.

It's our
second
day of
beach
training.

If we continue
at this pace, we
may yet catch up
to the magic of
this age.

Yep!

It's only been two
days for me, but
I think my magic
has improved
already.

If we work
full out on
building up
our bodies...

Yeah!!
I'm all
powered up
now!!

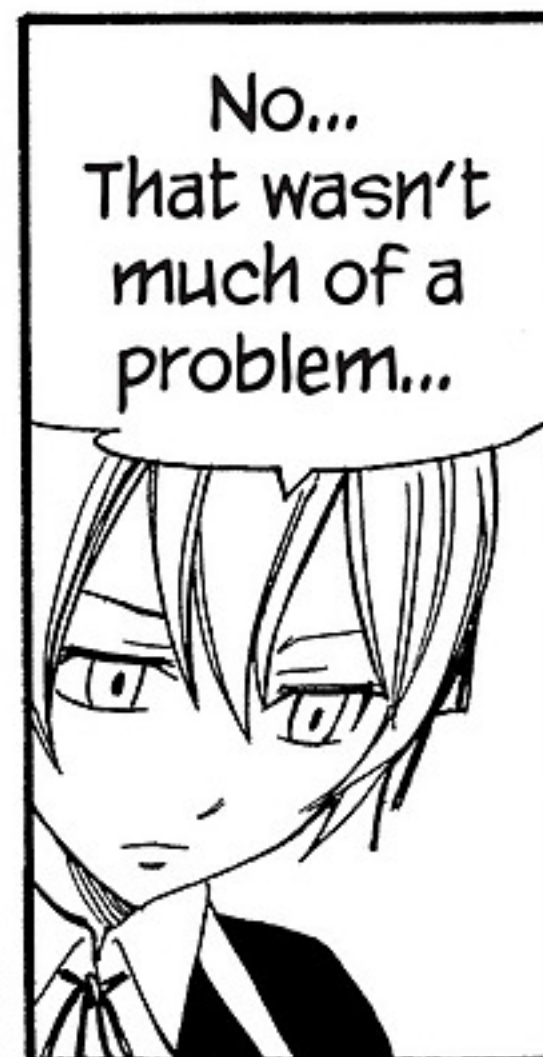
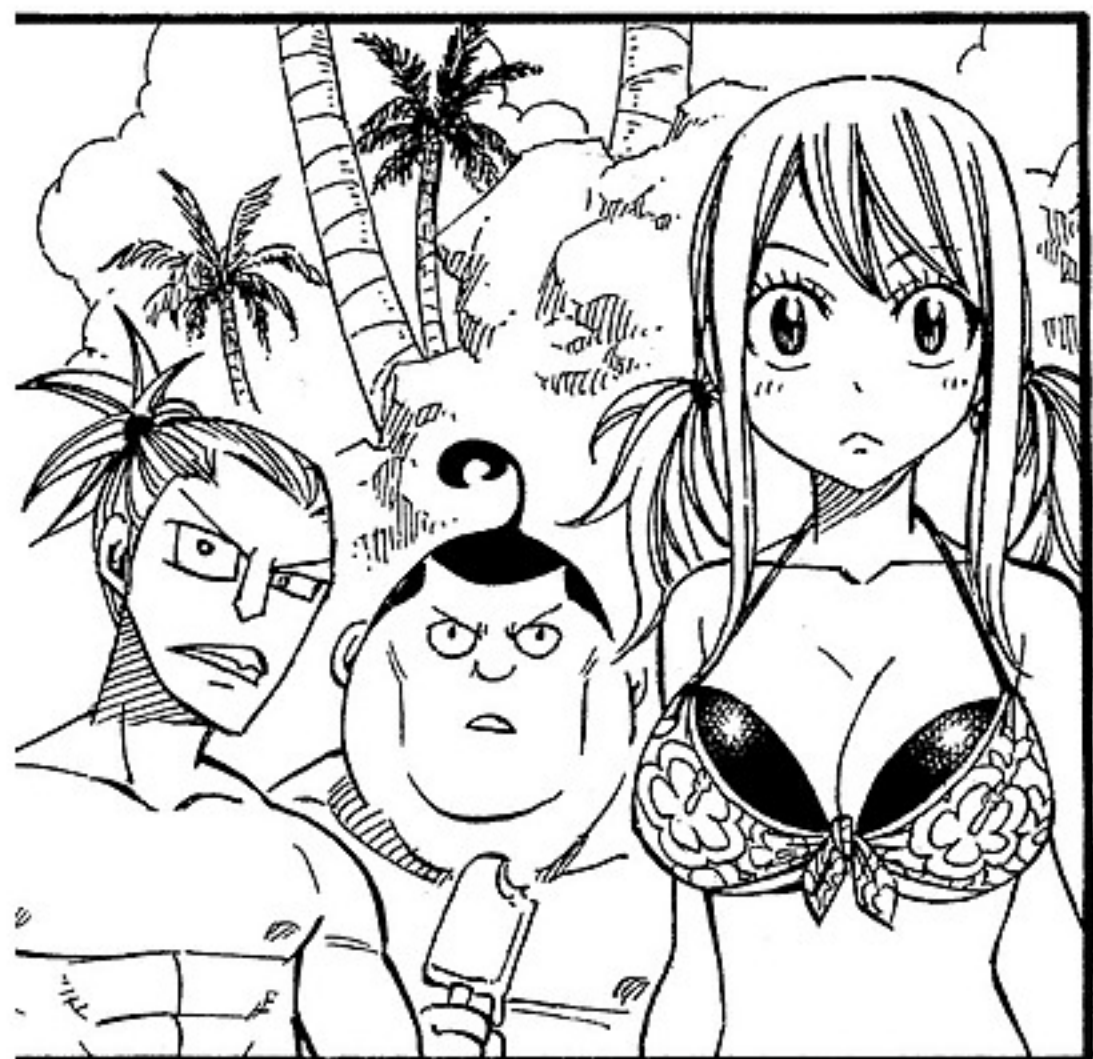
...but if we use
really efficient
training methods,
then it's more like
we *still* have a full
three months.

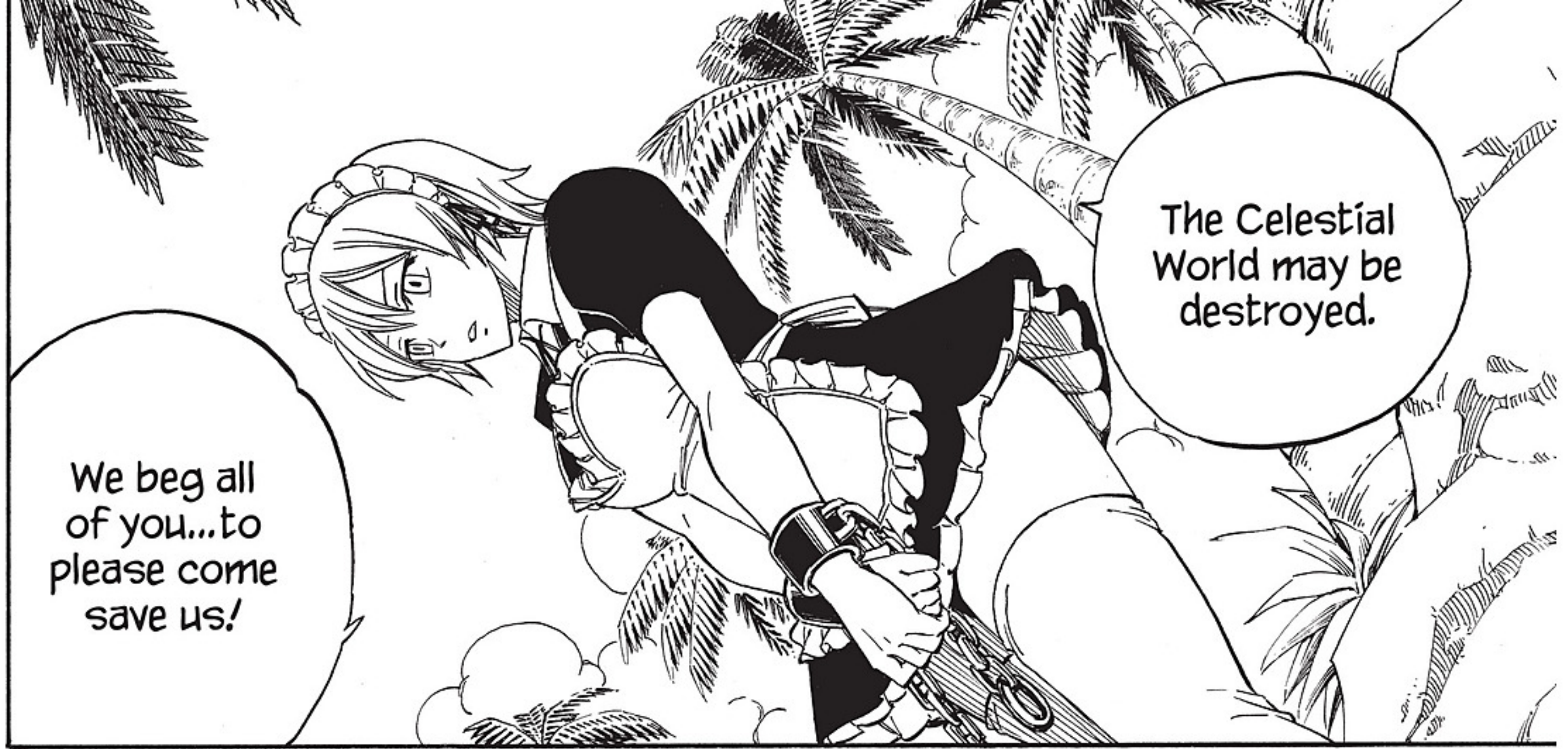
Aye!

At first, I
thought
of it as
just three
months...

You'll see
what comes
from fairies
doing three
months of
*training by
fire!!!!*

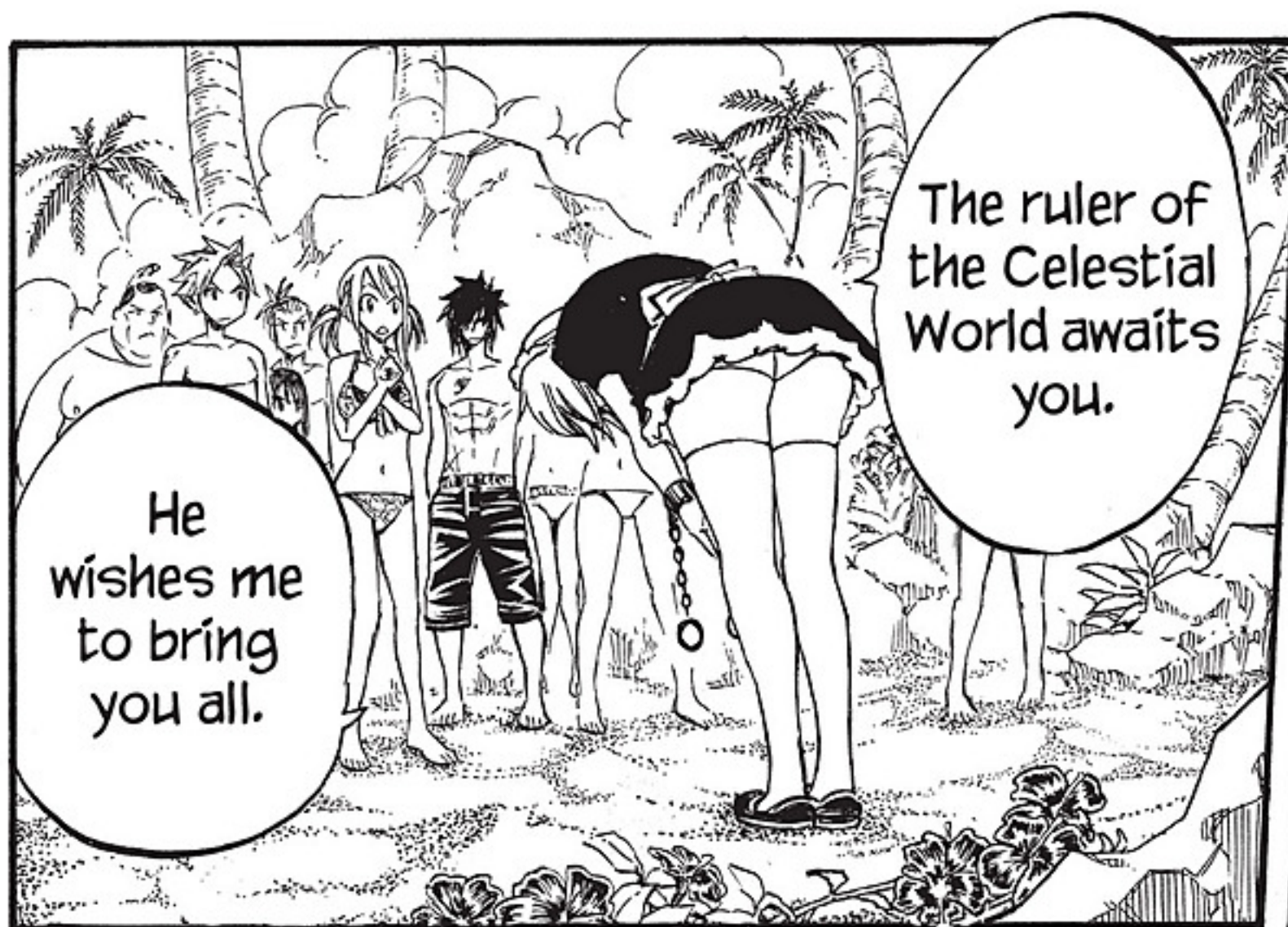
Ha ha ha
ha ha!!!
Just you
watch and
see, you
jerks from
the other
guilds!!





We beg all
of you...to
please come
save us!

The Celestial
World may be
destroyed.



He
wishes me
to bring
you all.

The ruler of
the Celestial
World awaits
you.



What's
that
mean?

What
was
that?

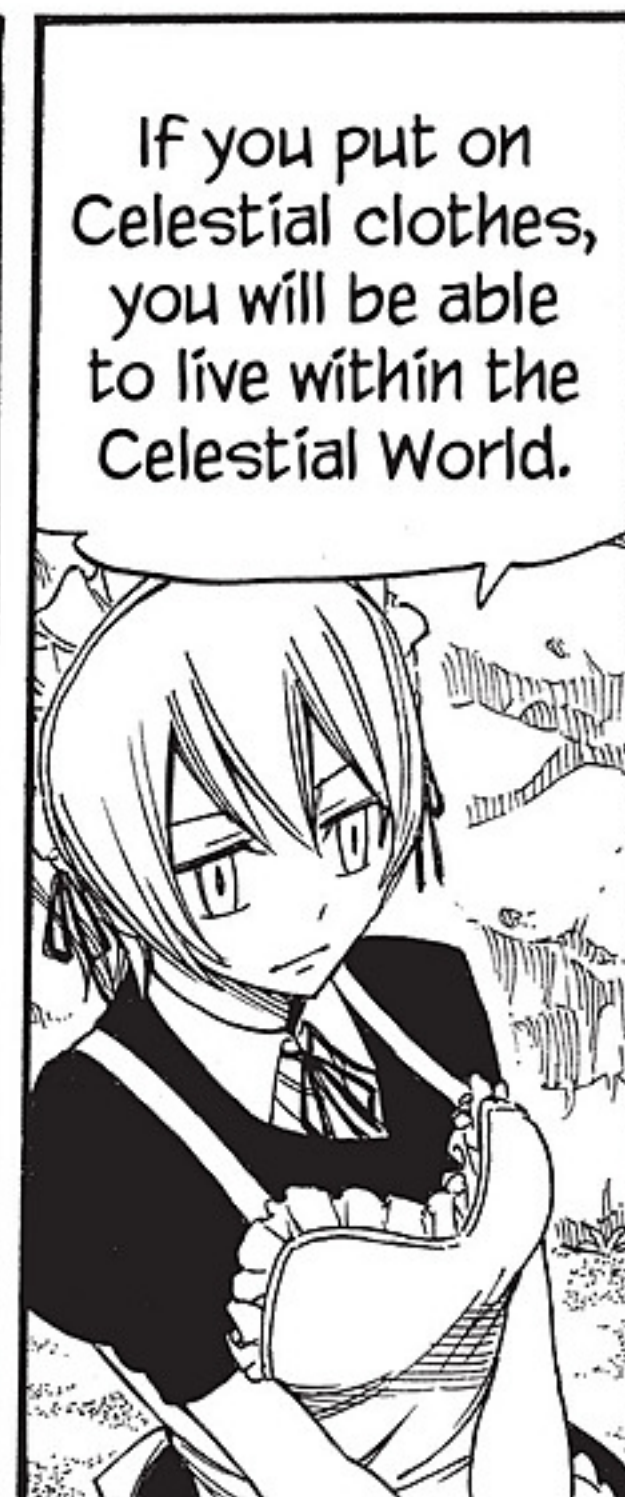


...!!!



We're
going.

Hold it!
I'm not
emotionally
prepared-



If you put on
Celestial clothes,
you will be able
to live within the
Celestial World.

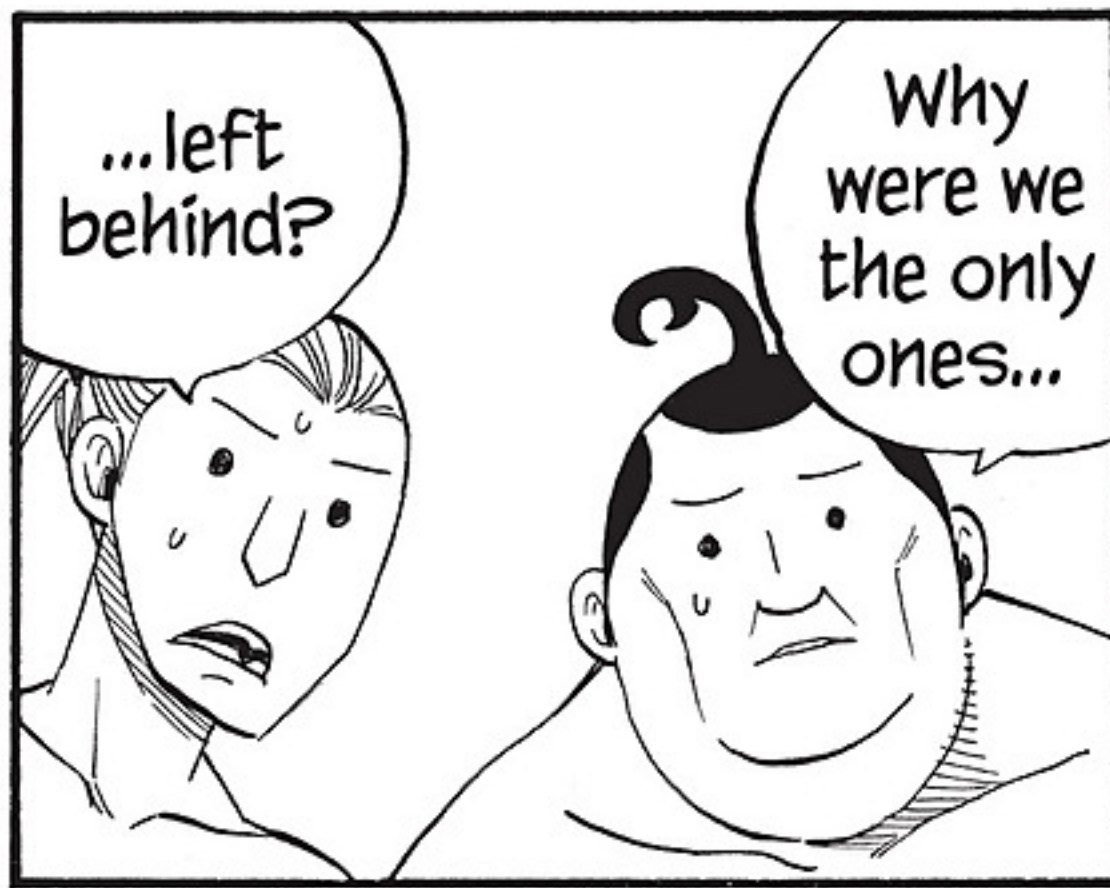
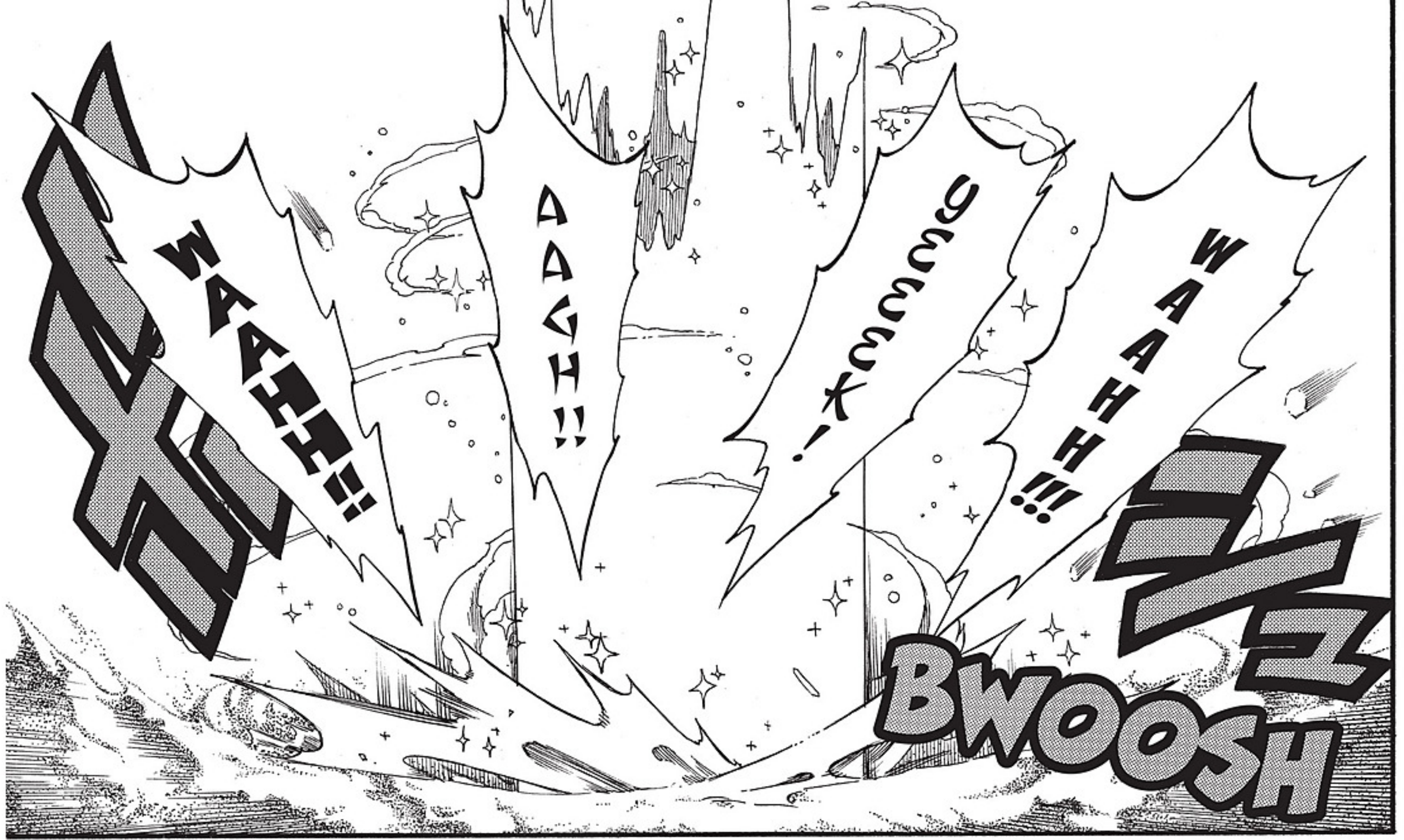


Right!!
Leave it to
us!!! If a friend
is asking, we're
there...



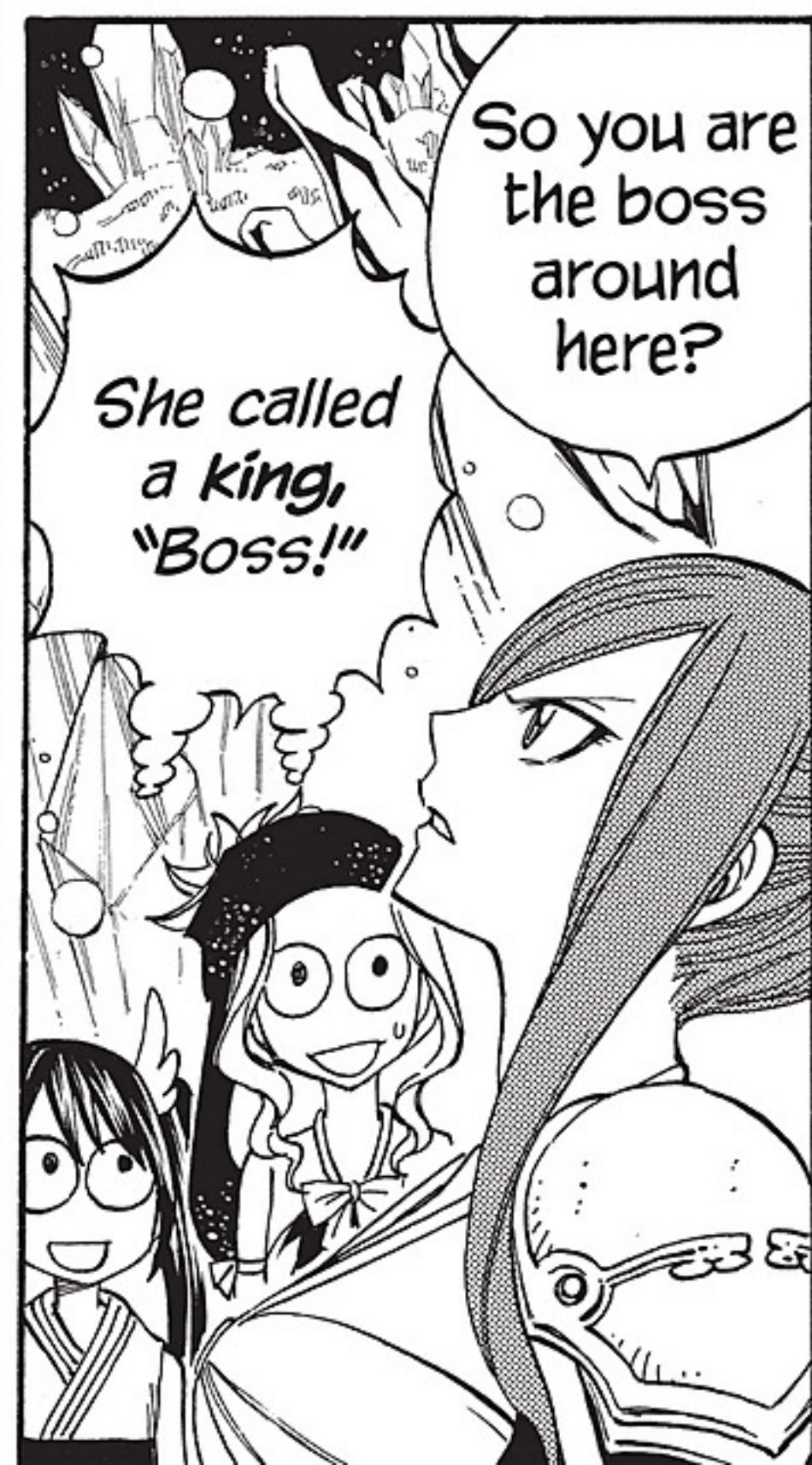
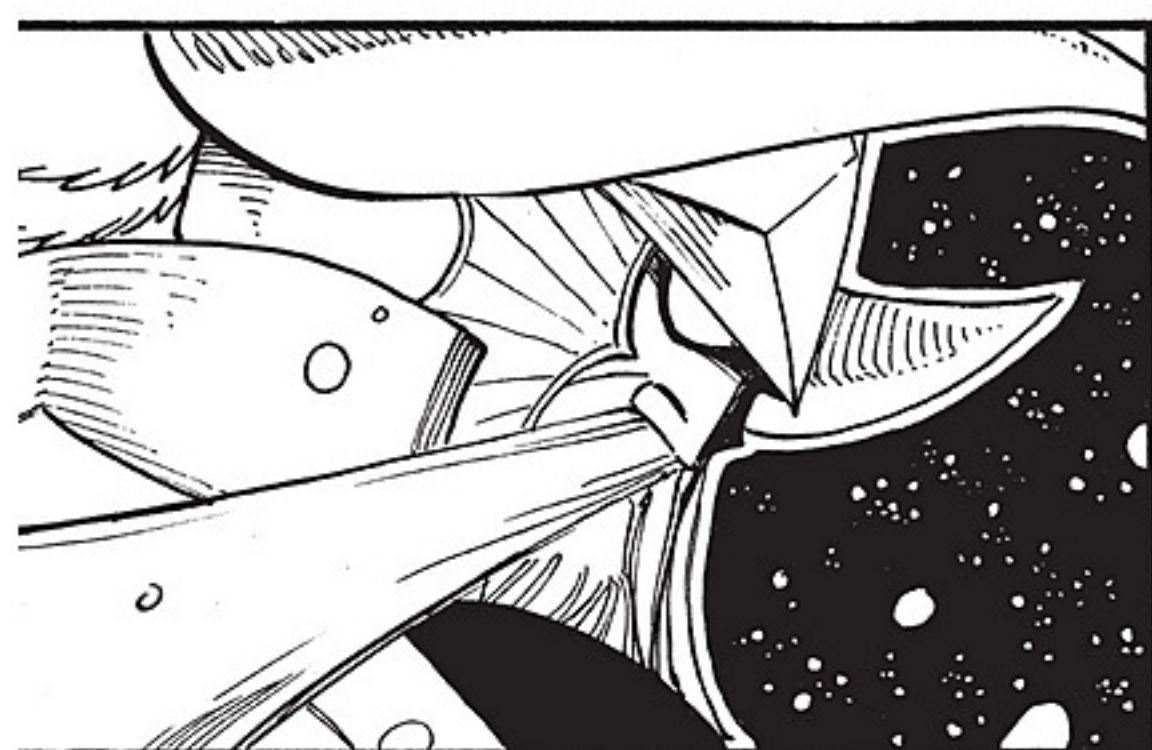
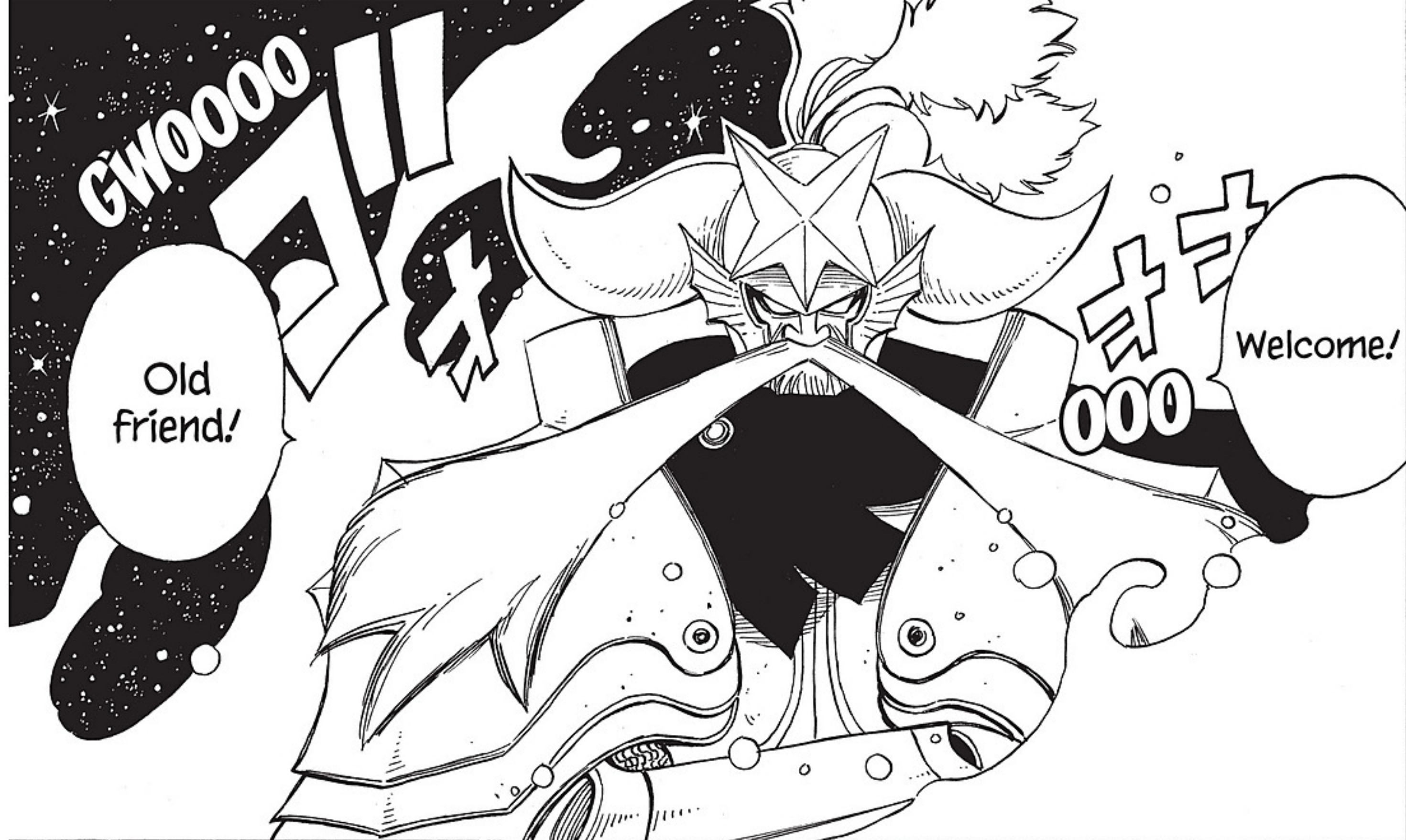
I didn't think
that humans
could enter the
Celestial World!

Wait!!



It's
beautiful...!





Congratu-
lations
on your
freedom
from
the time
curse!!!!

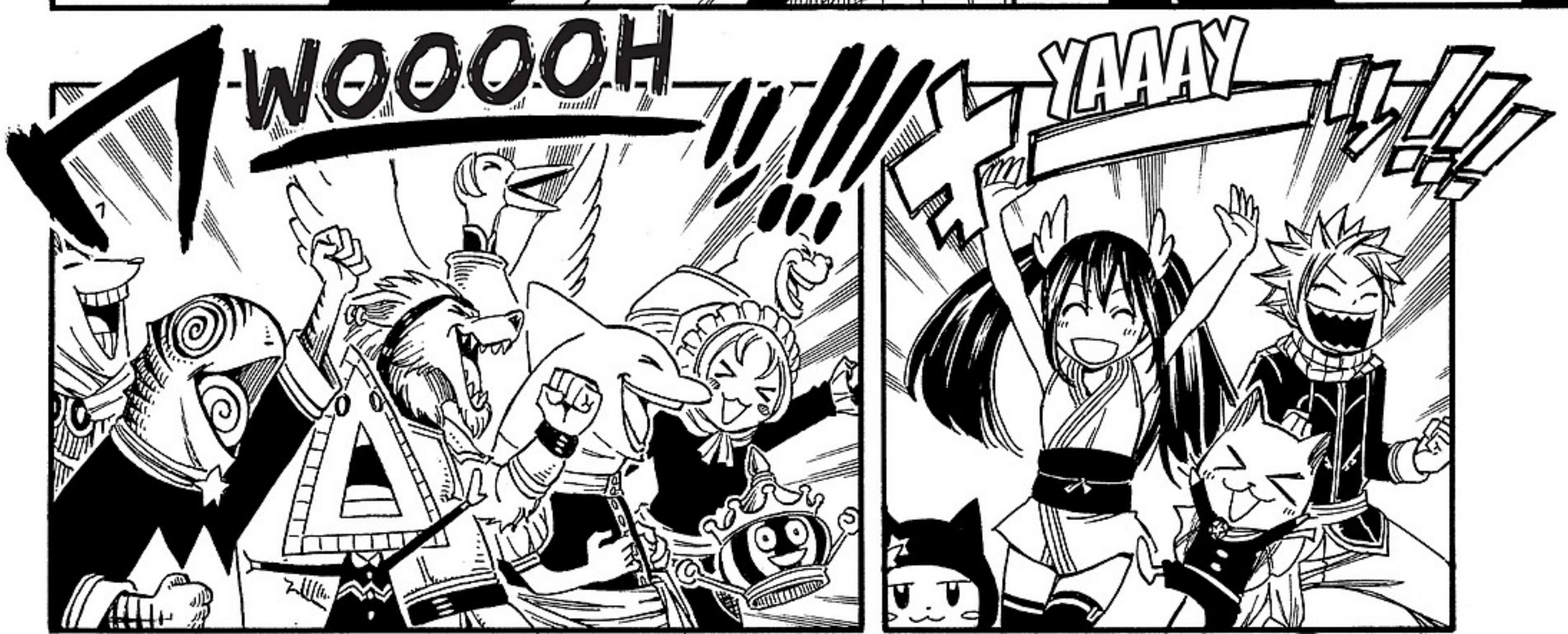
Lucy and
her old
friends...

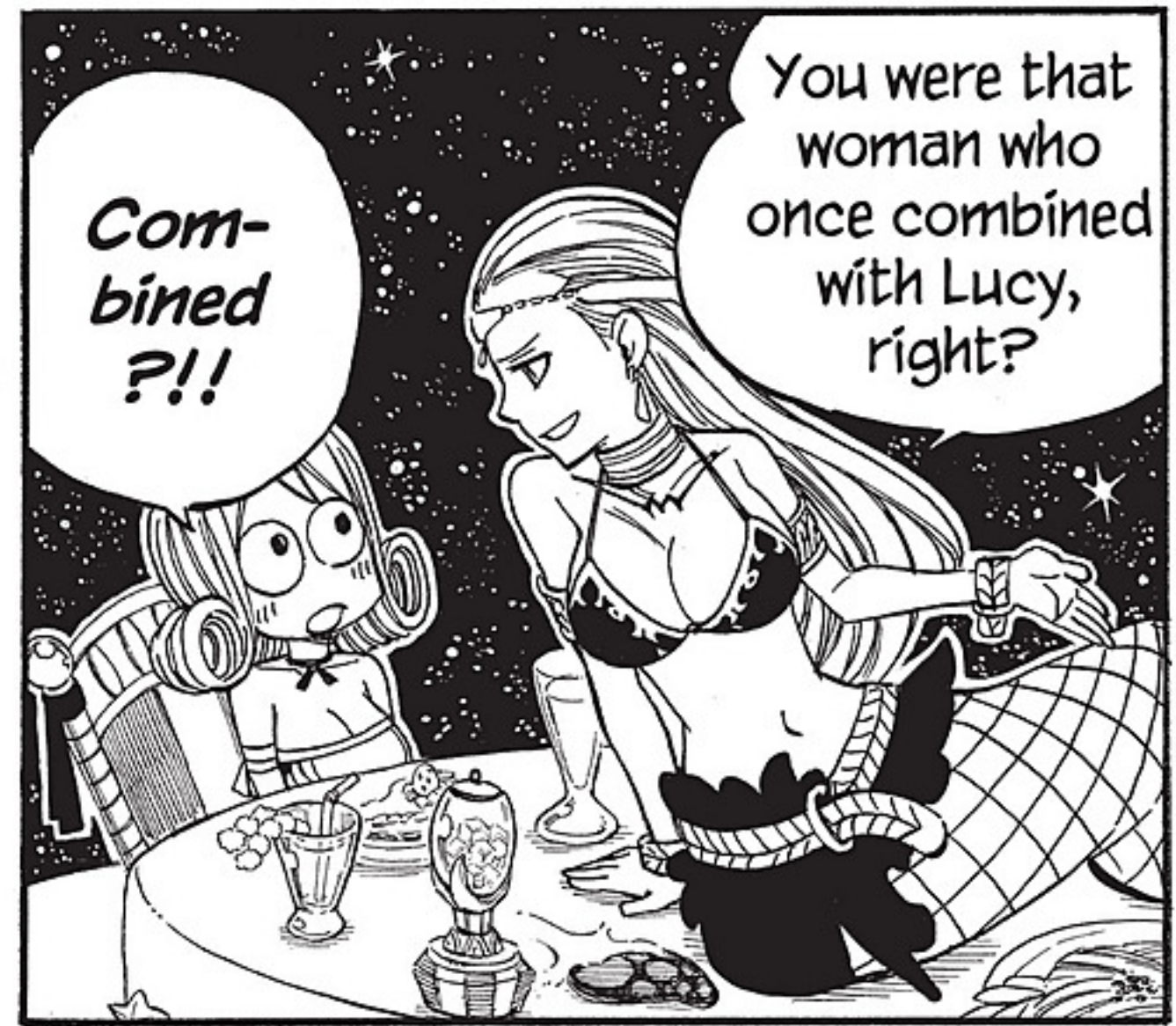
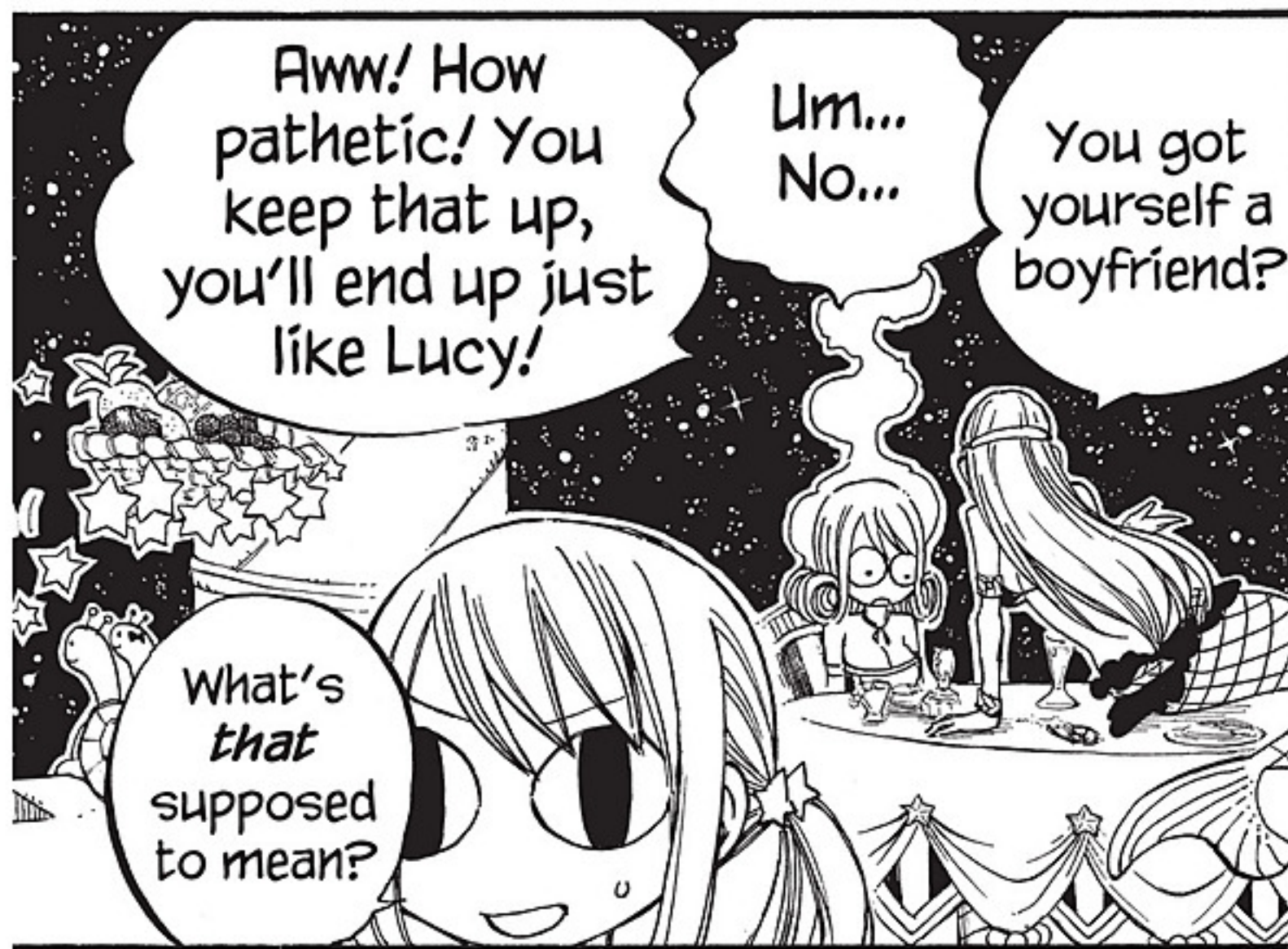
*We
celebrate
!!!!*

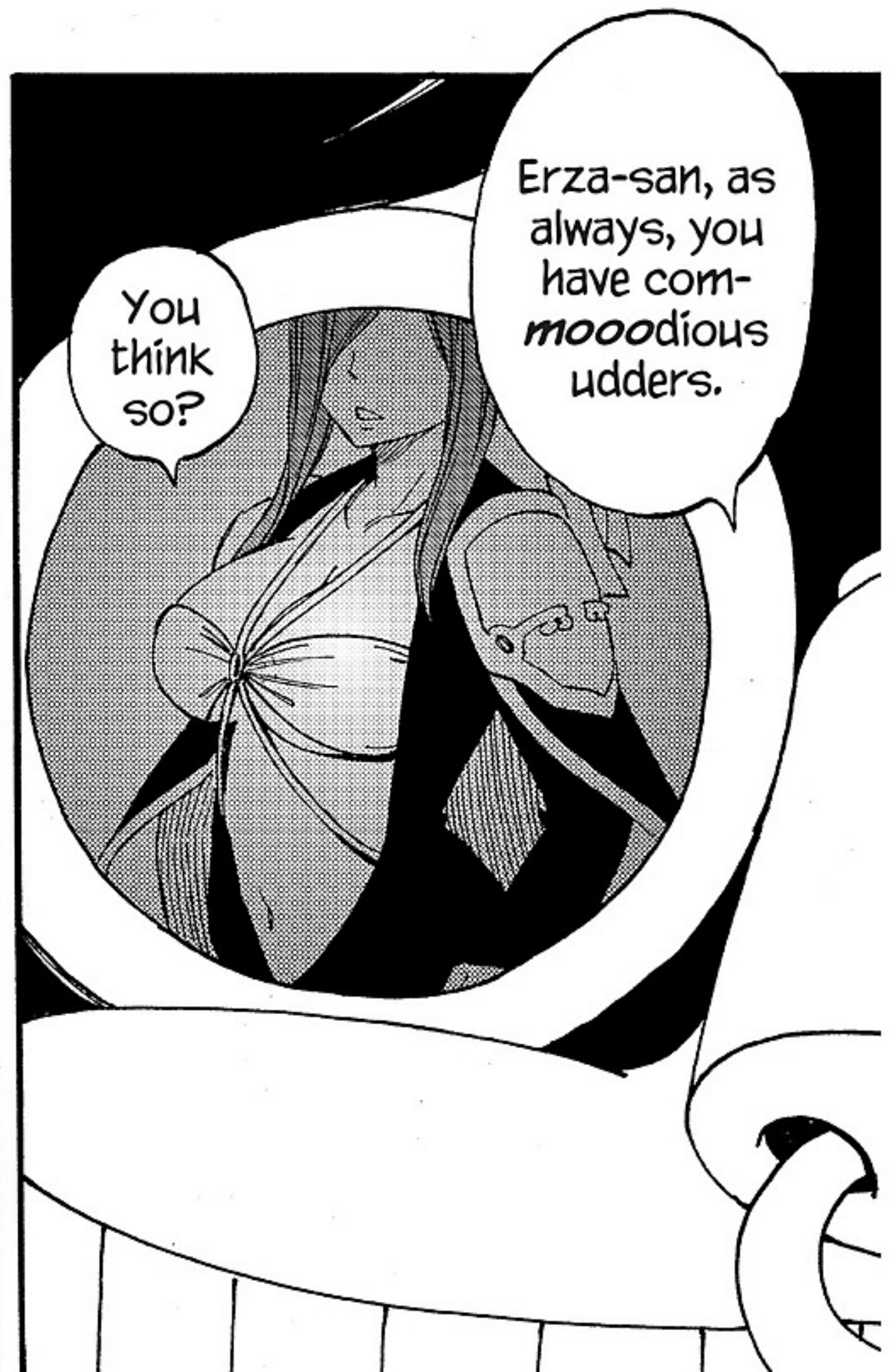
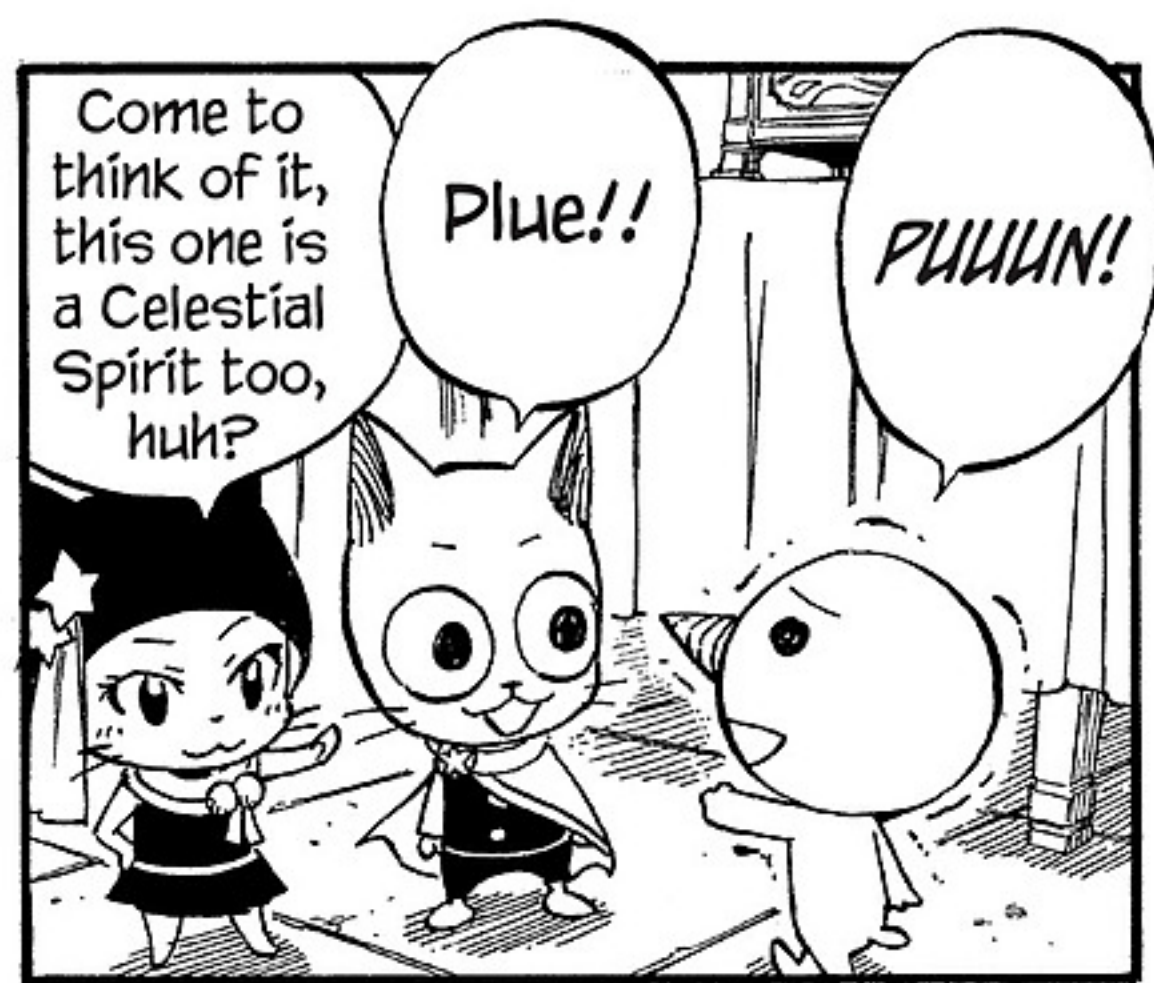
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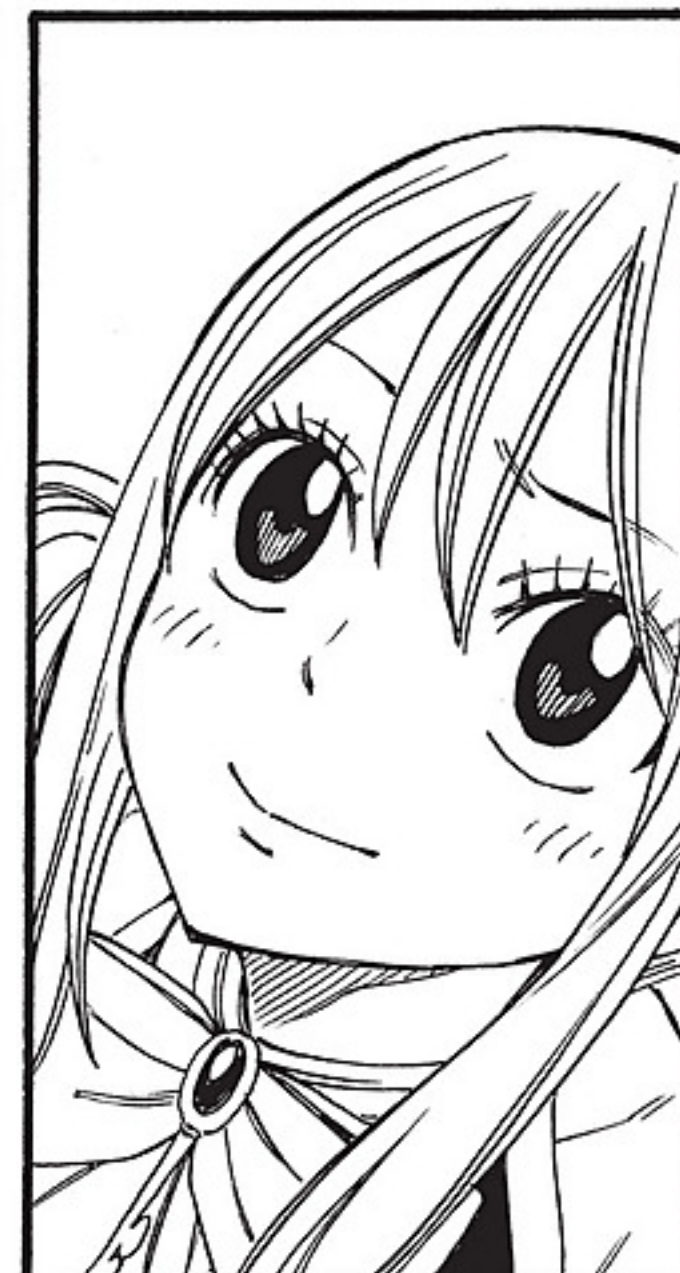
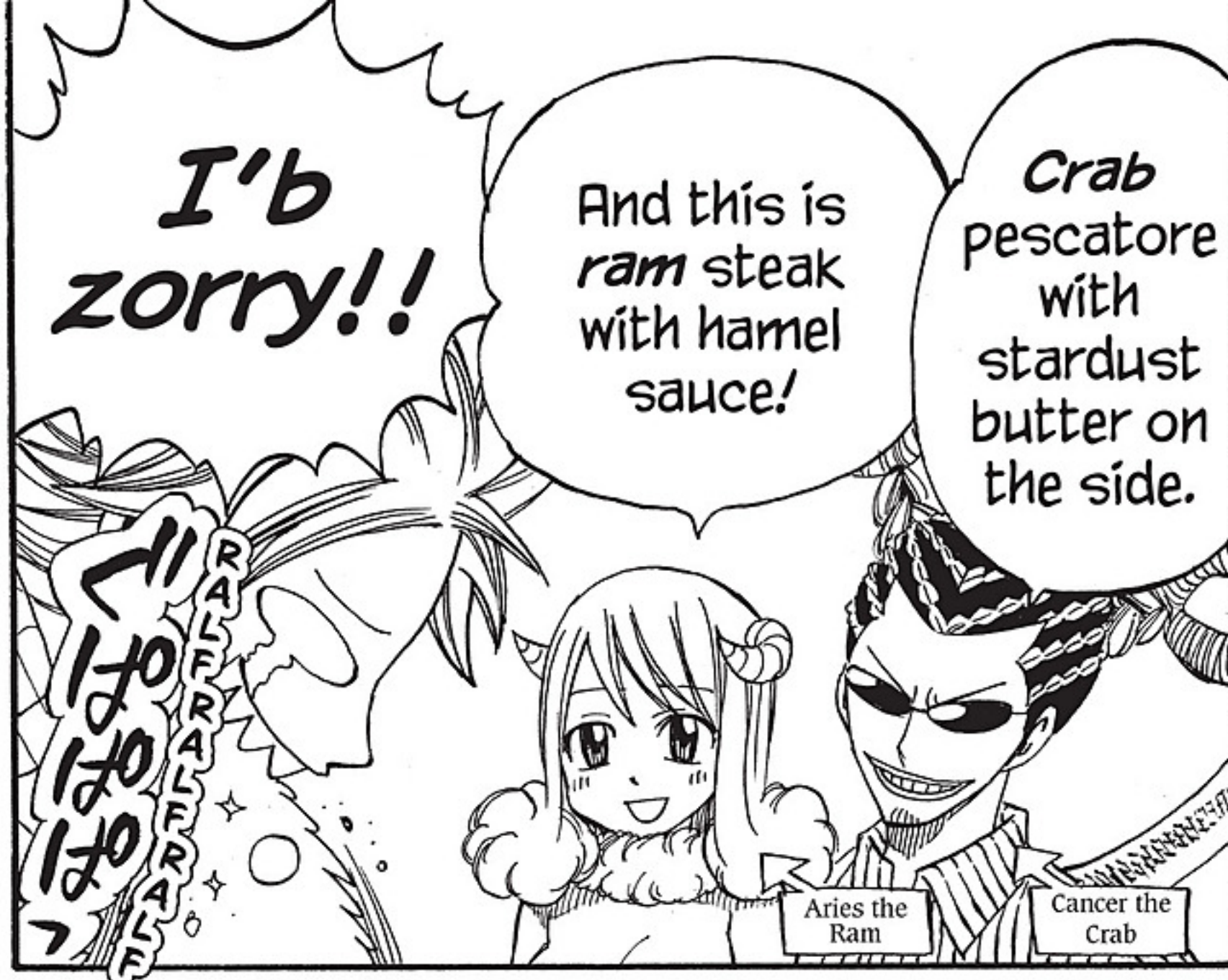
Huh?

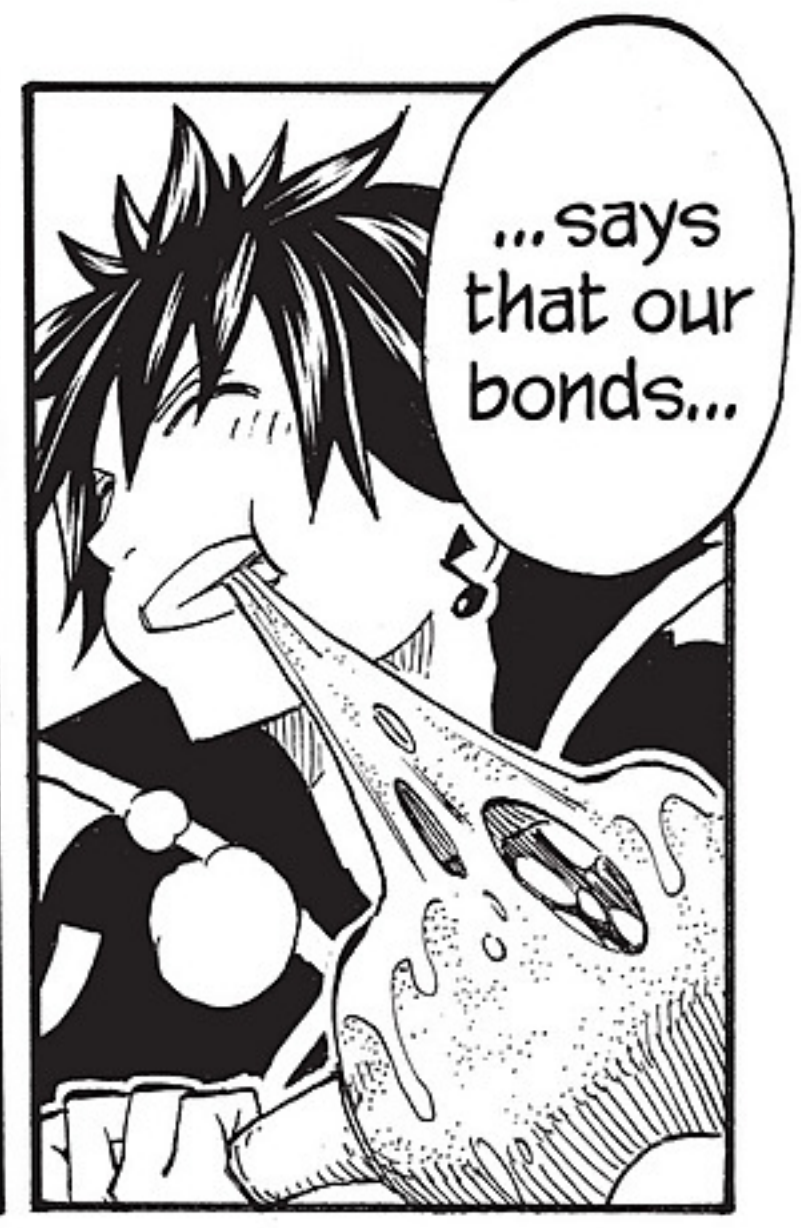
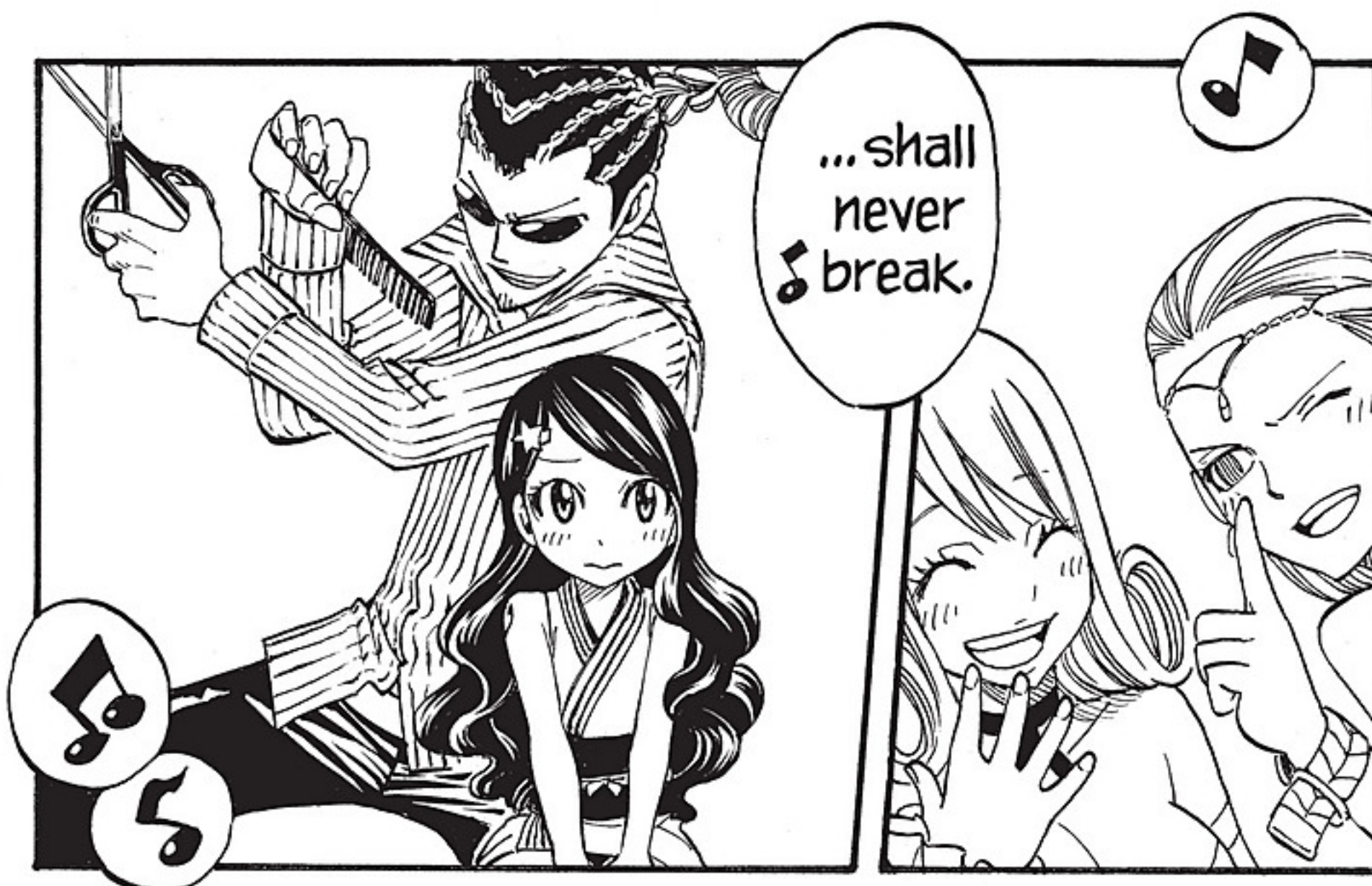
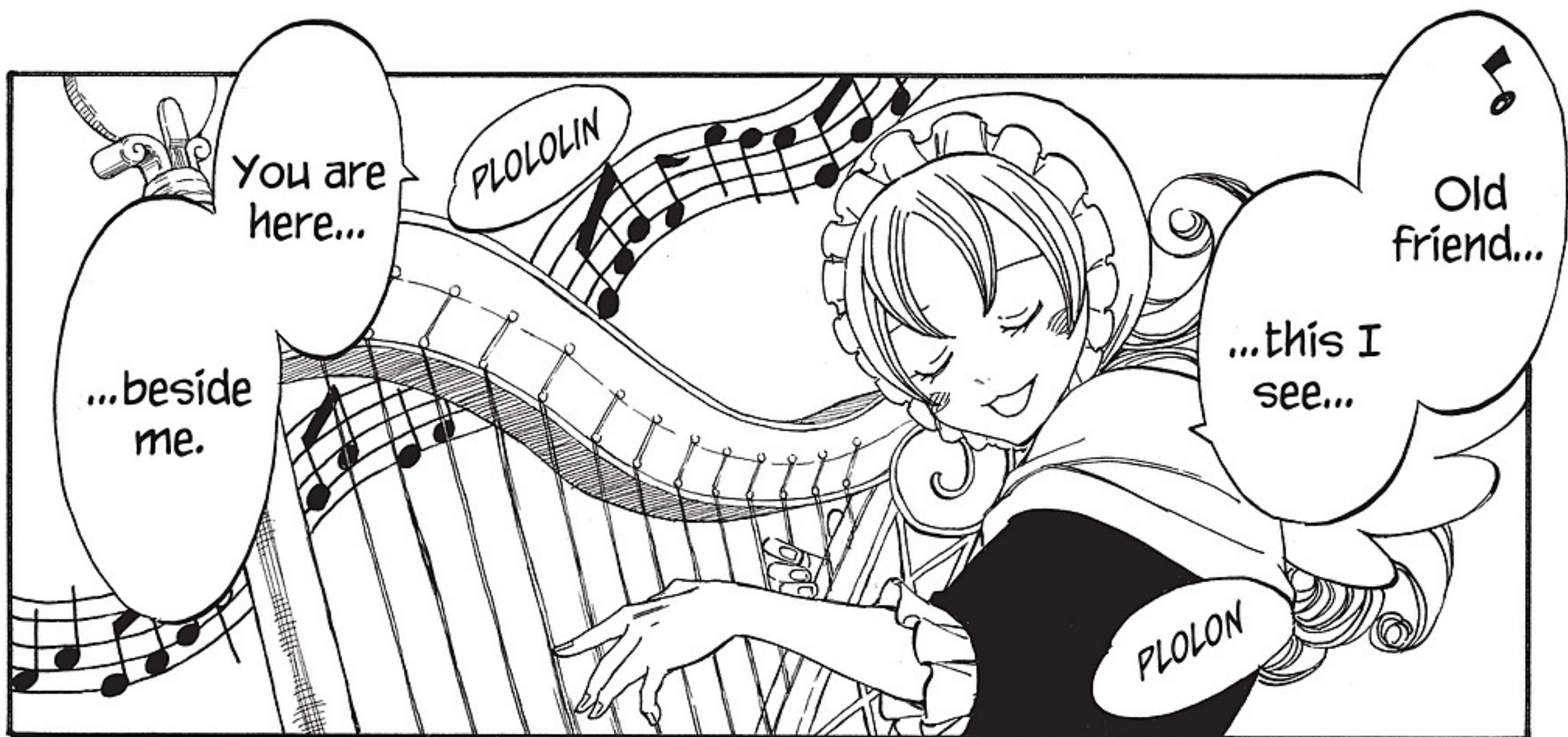


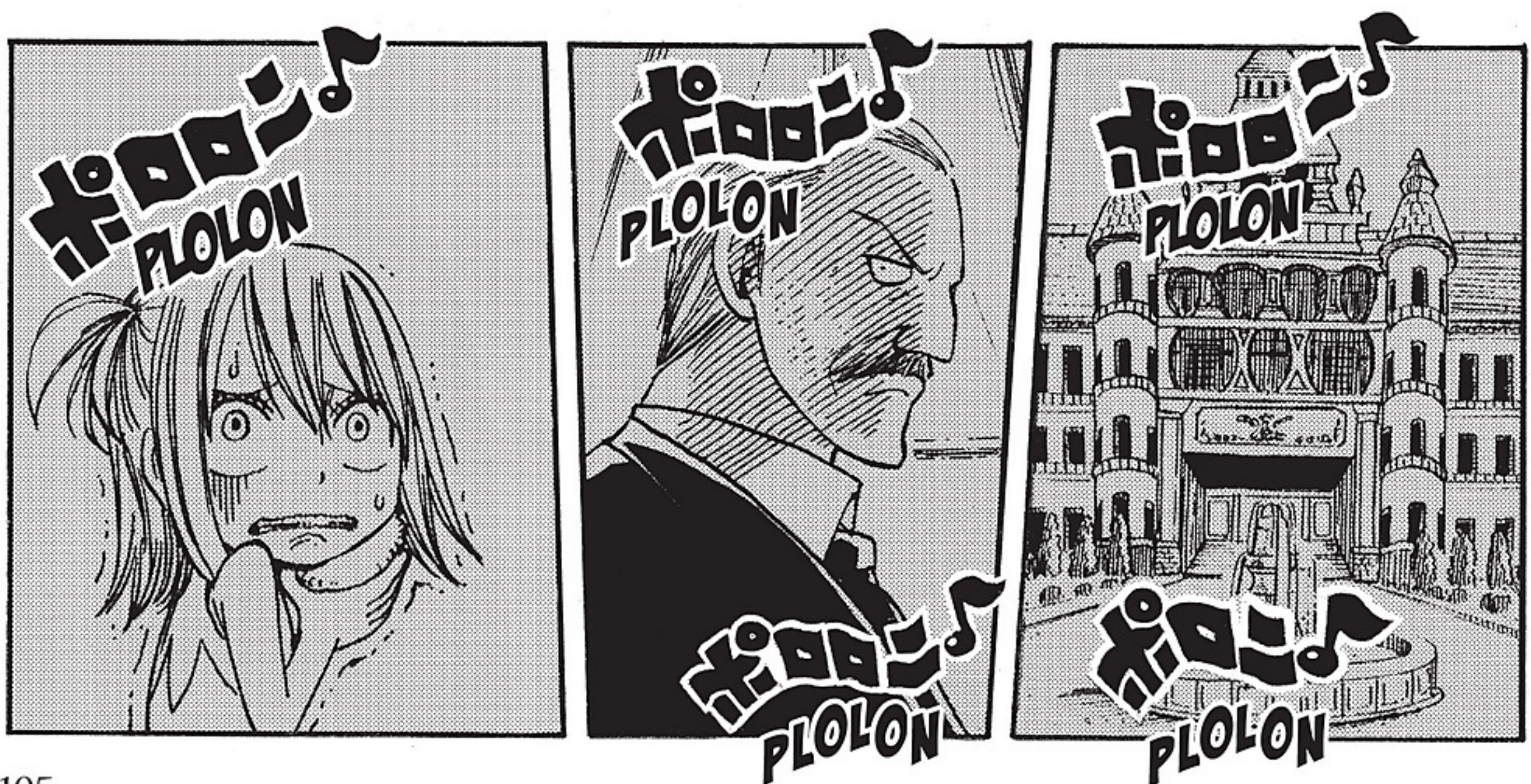
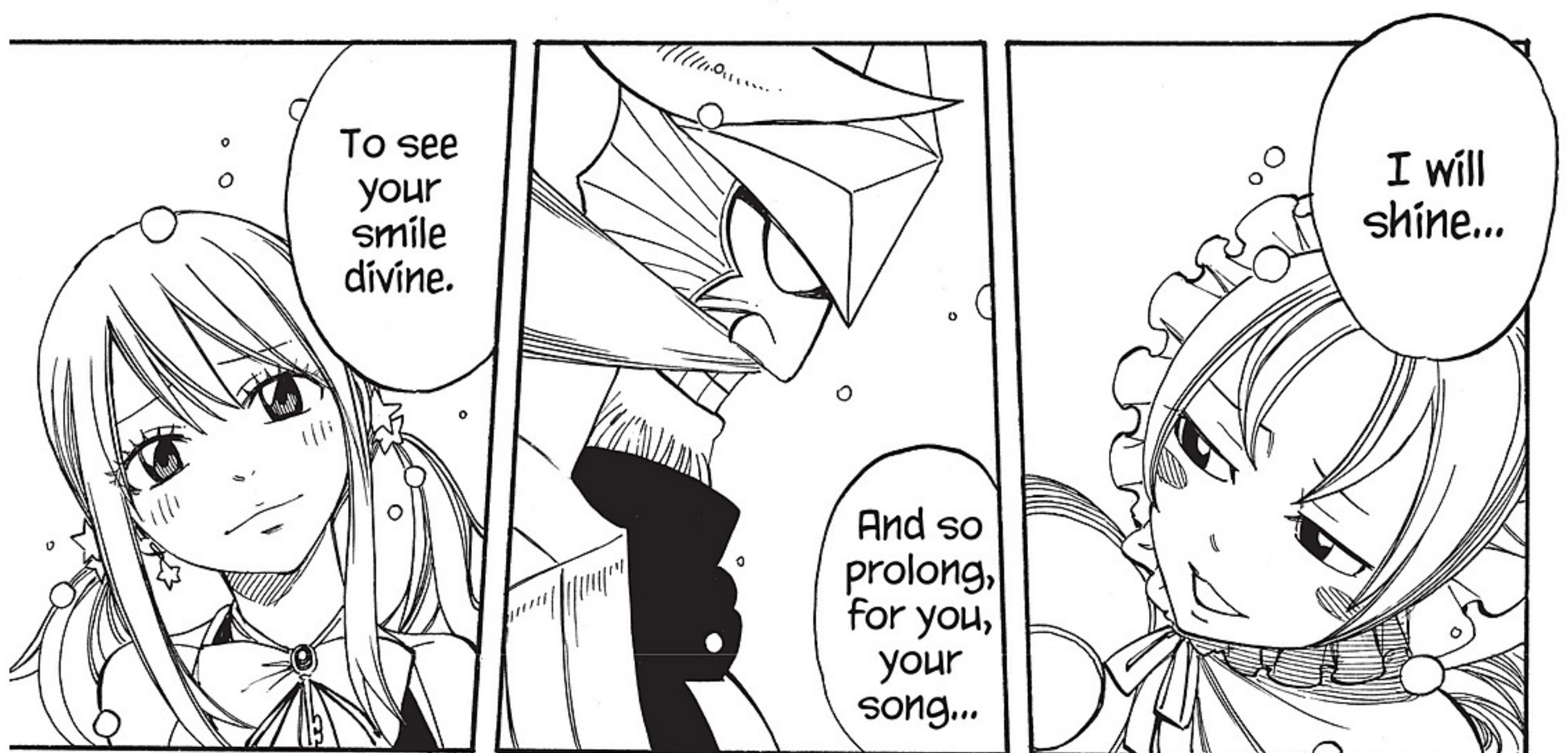


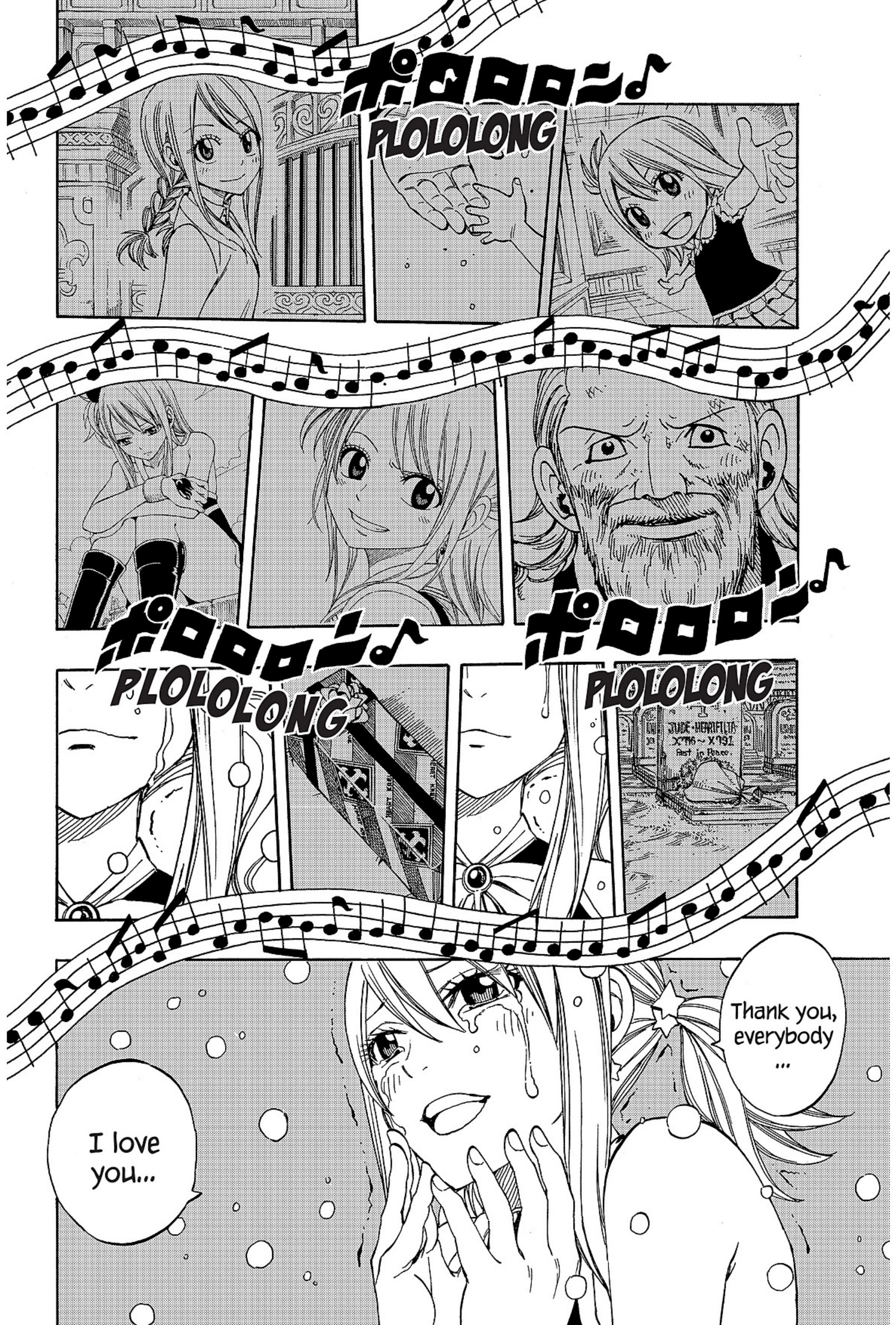












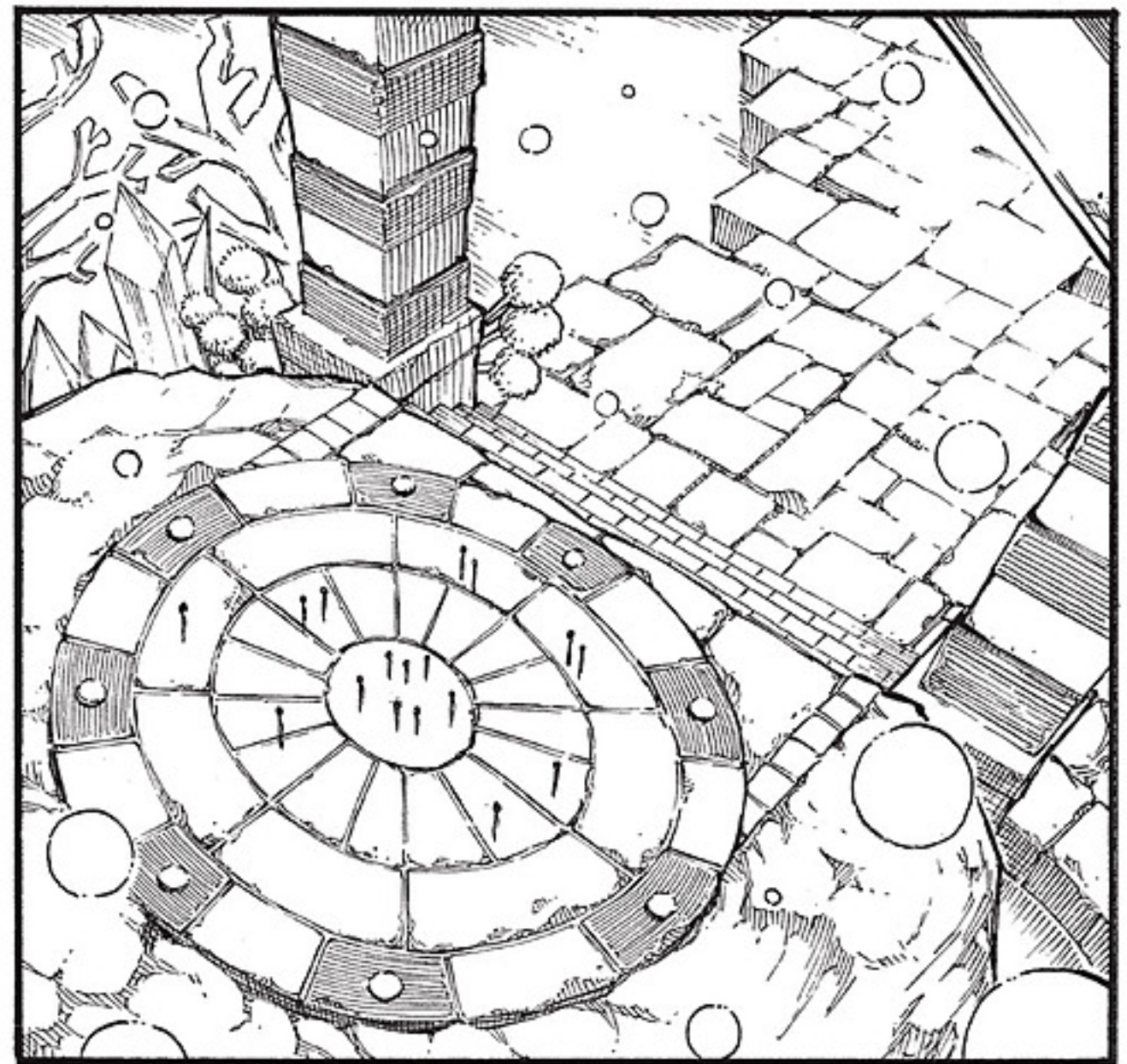
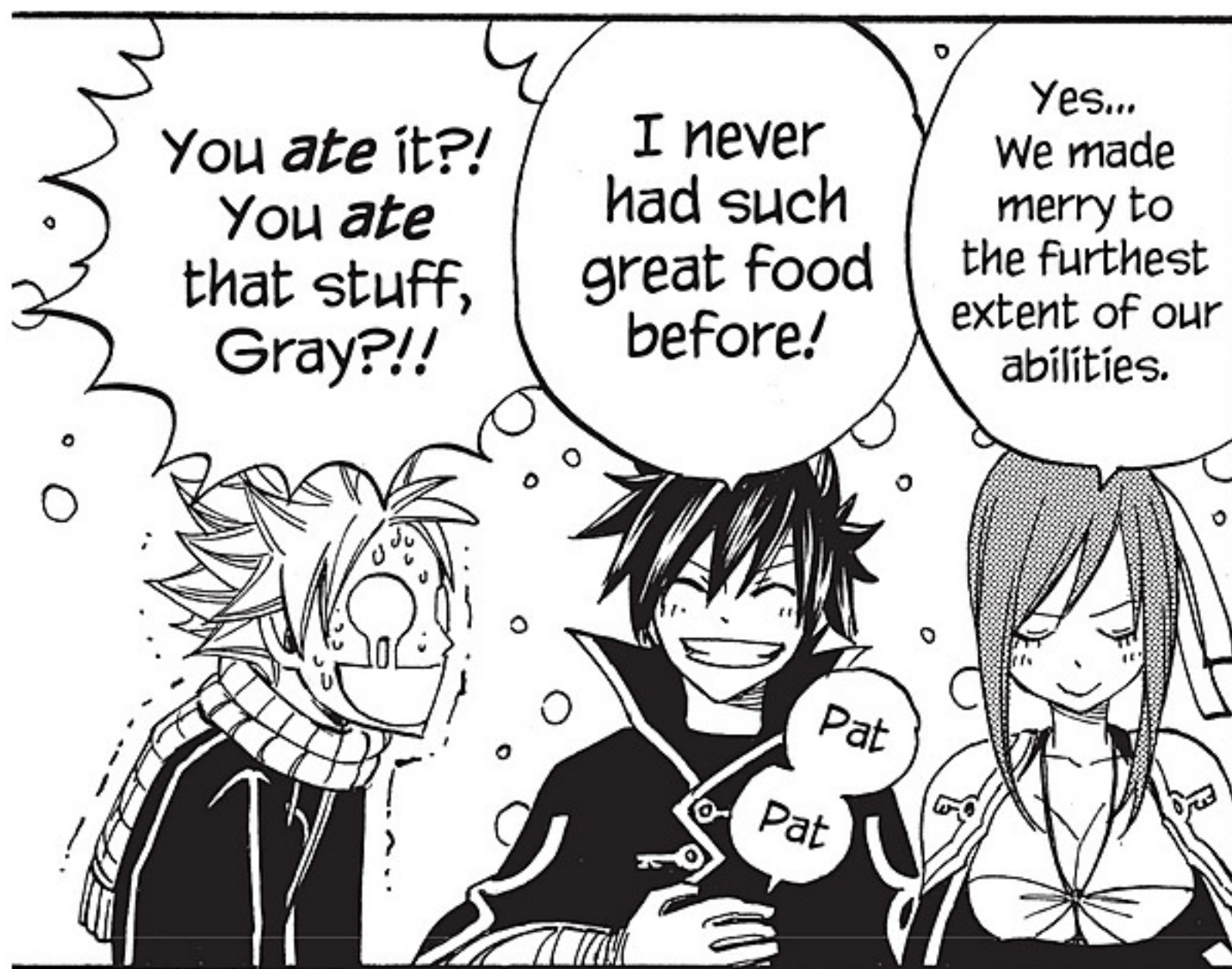
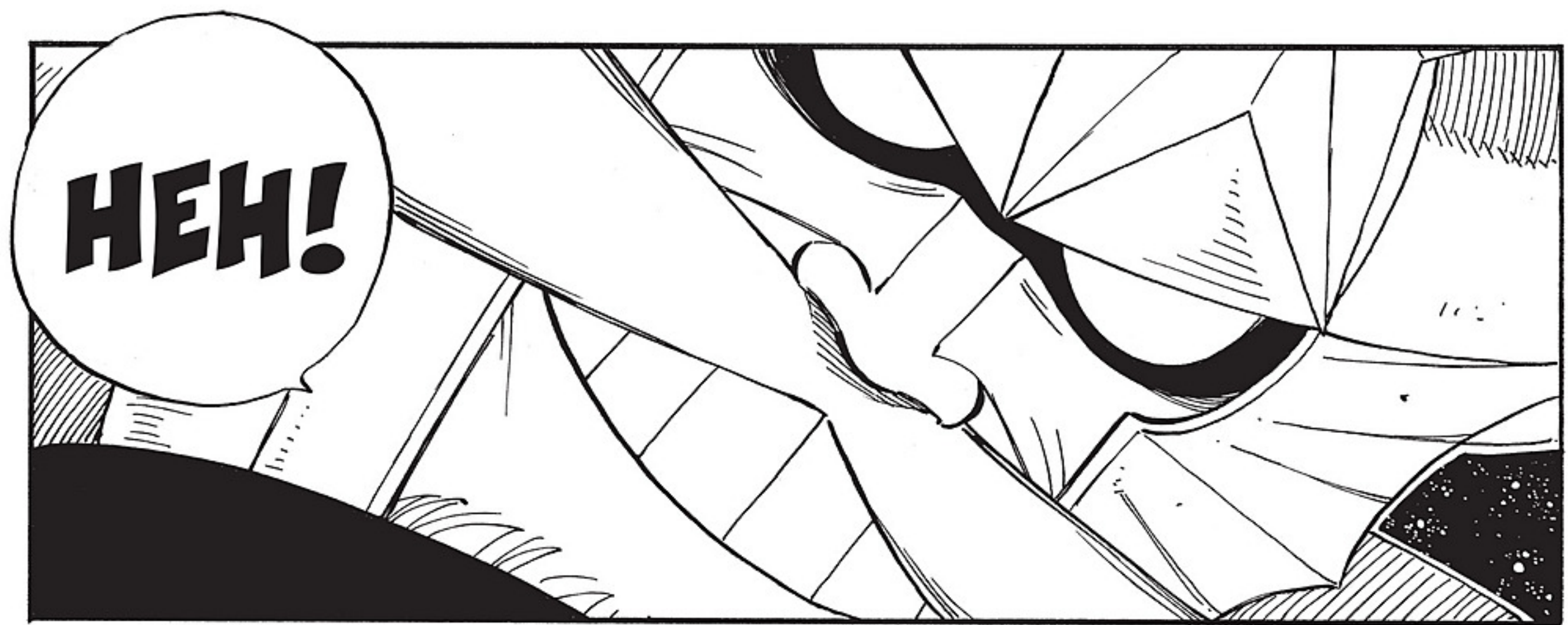
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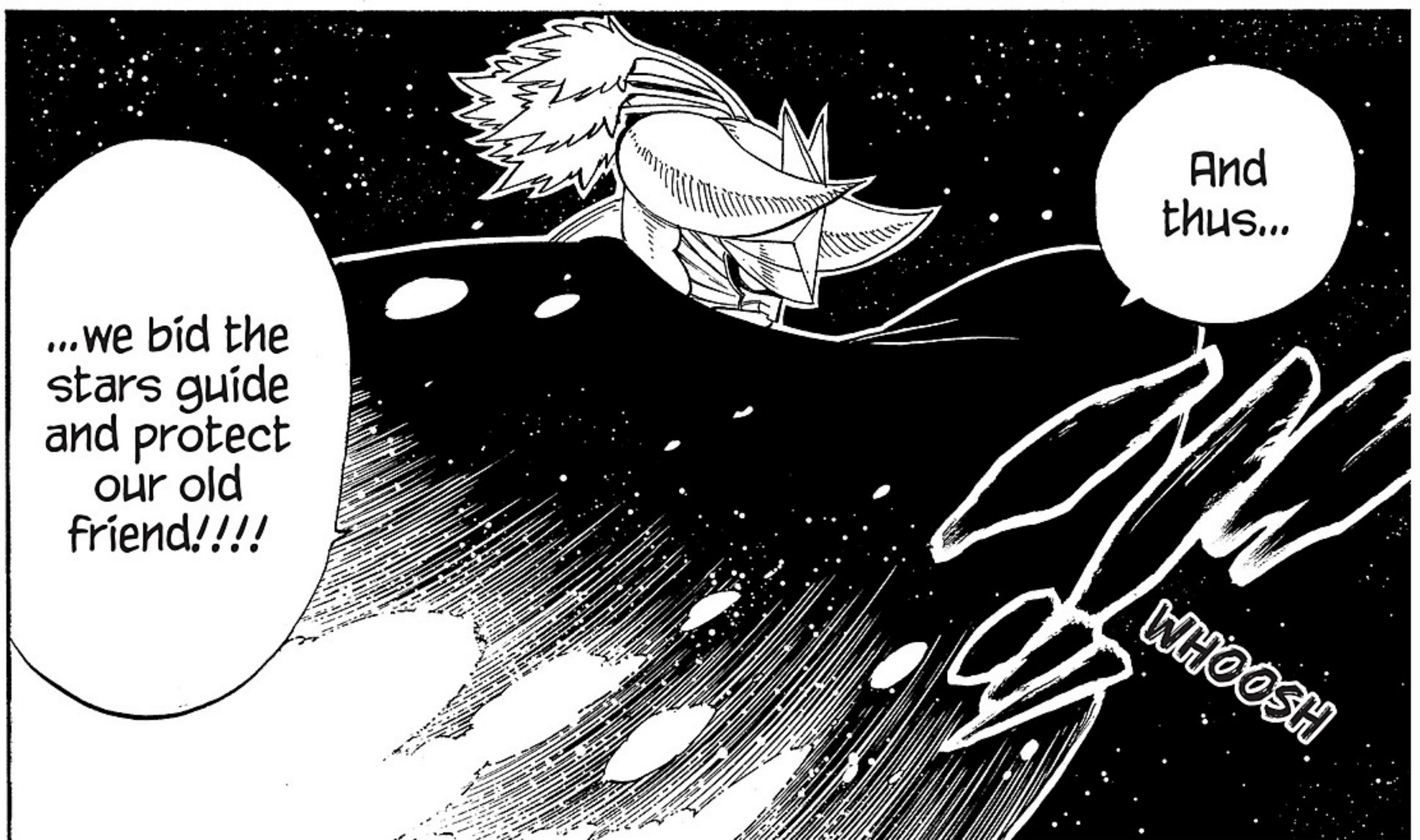
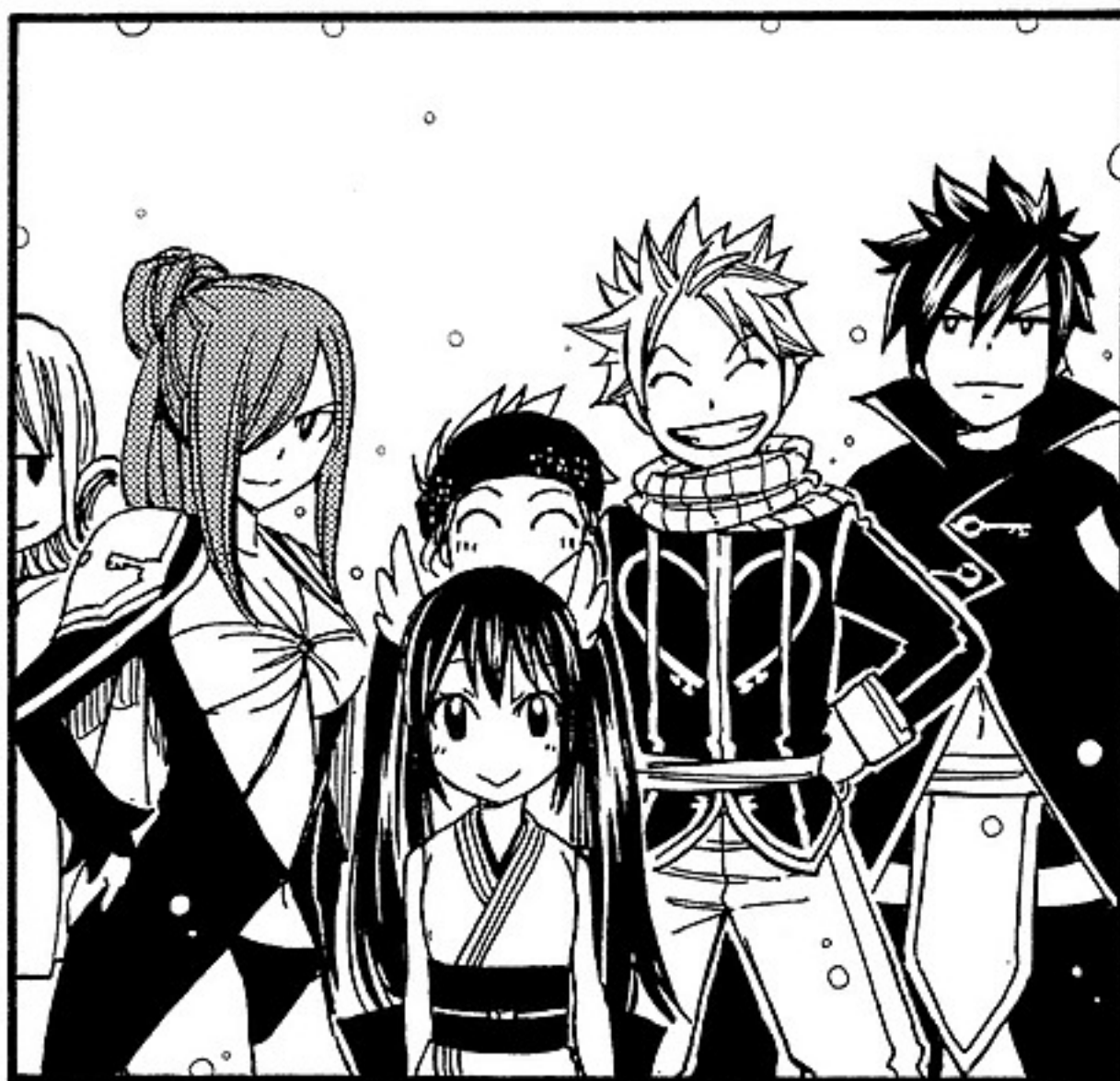
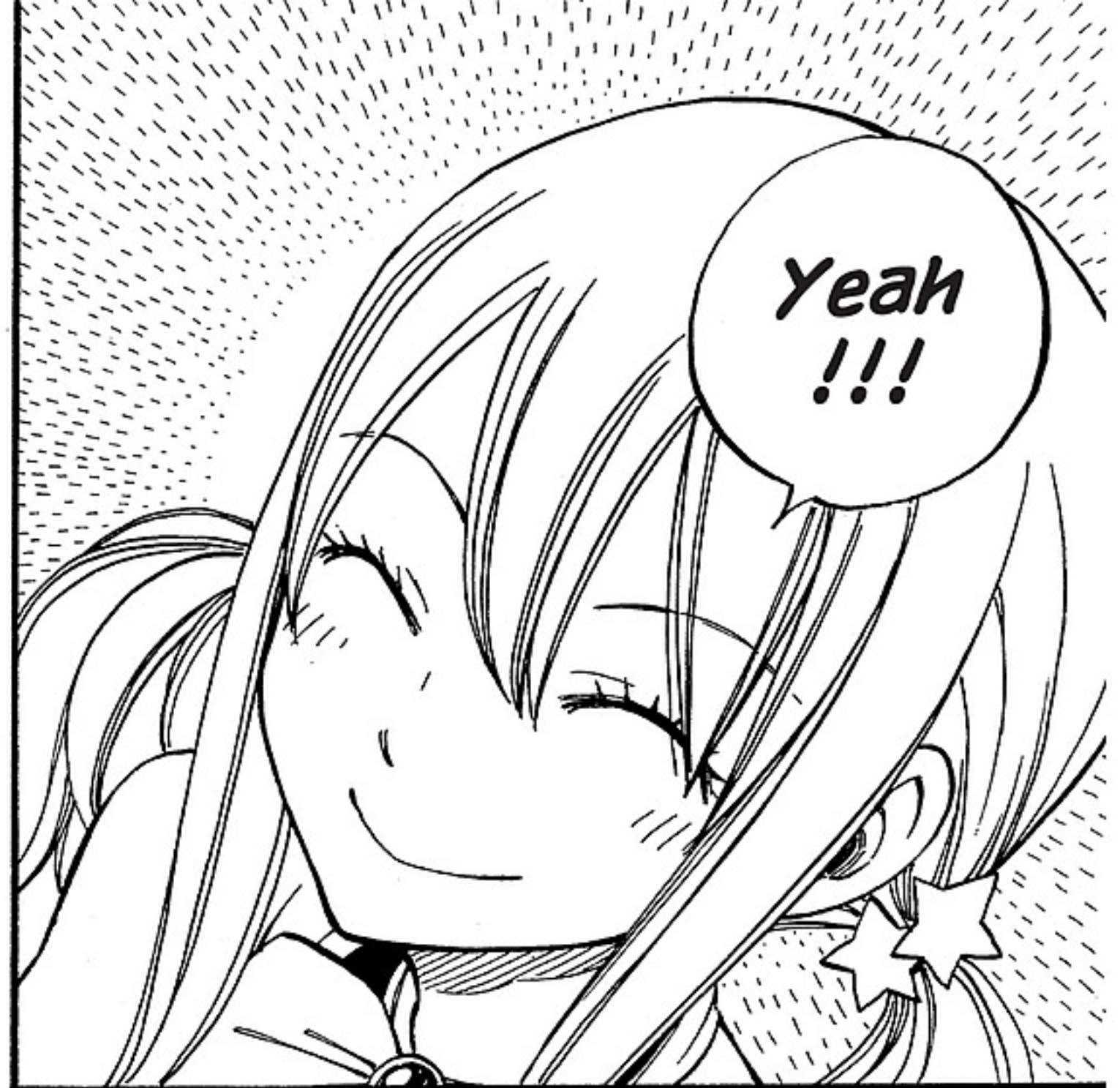
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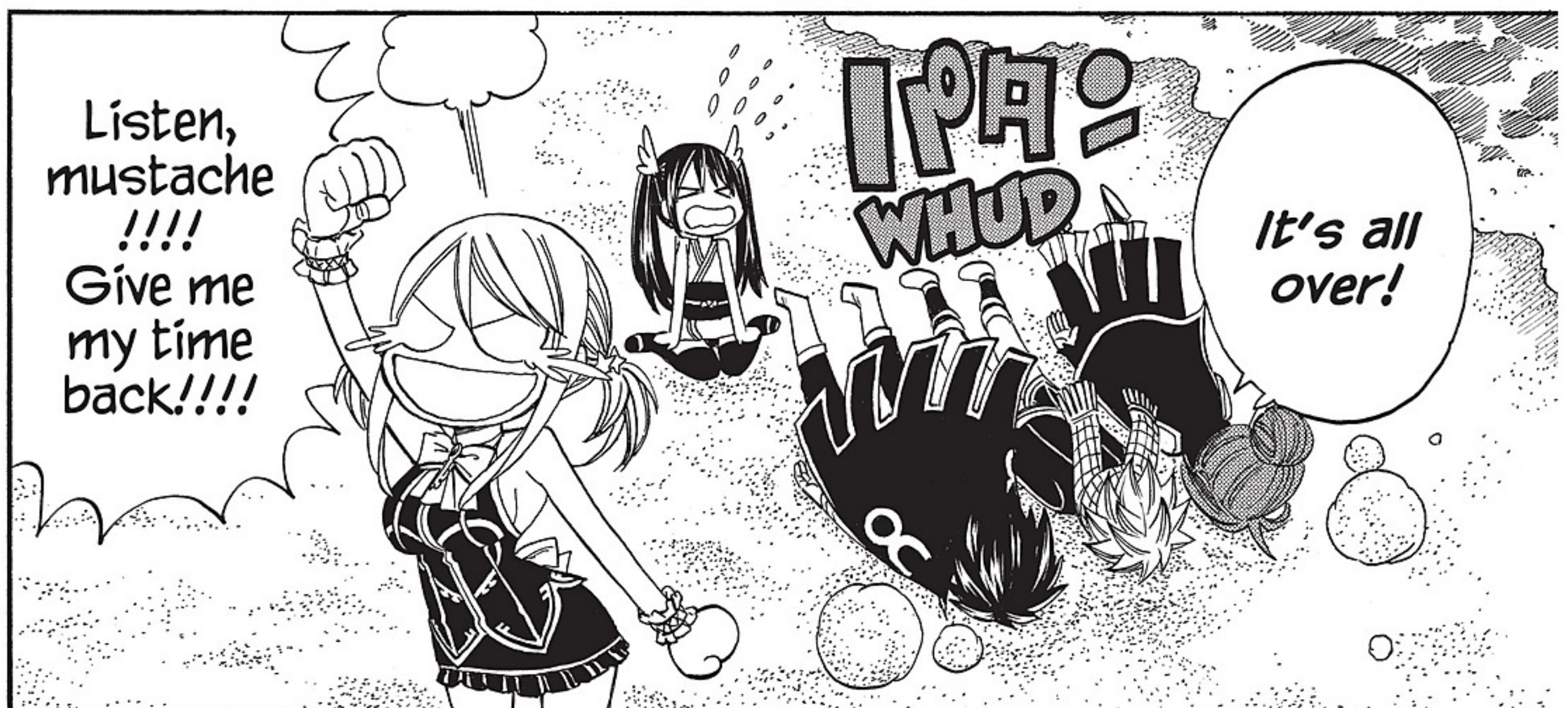
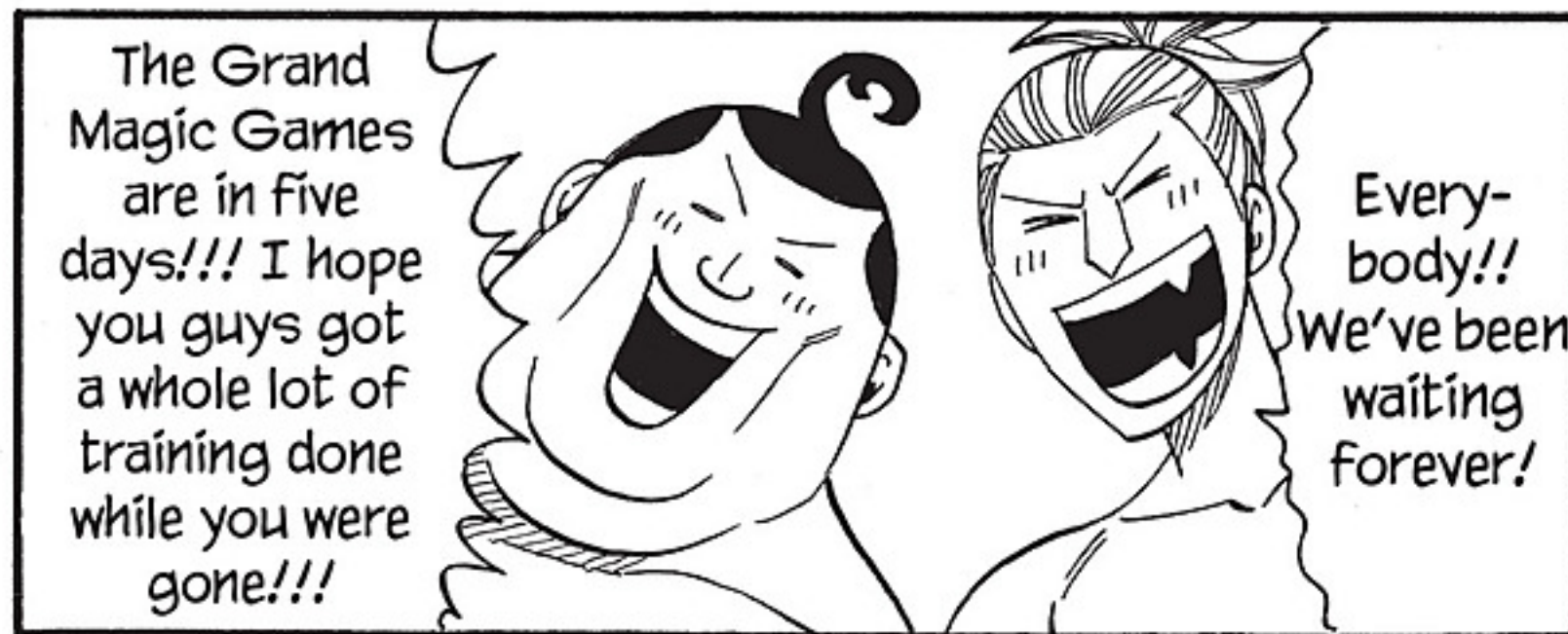
I love
you...

Thank you,
everybody
...









FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL	
Name:	Jet (Real name: Sarusuke) Age: 25
Magic:	High Speed
Likes:	Sushi, Levy
Dislikes:	Shrimp



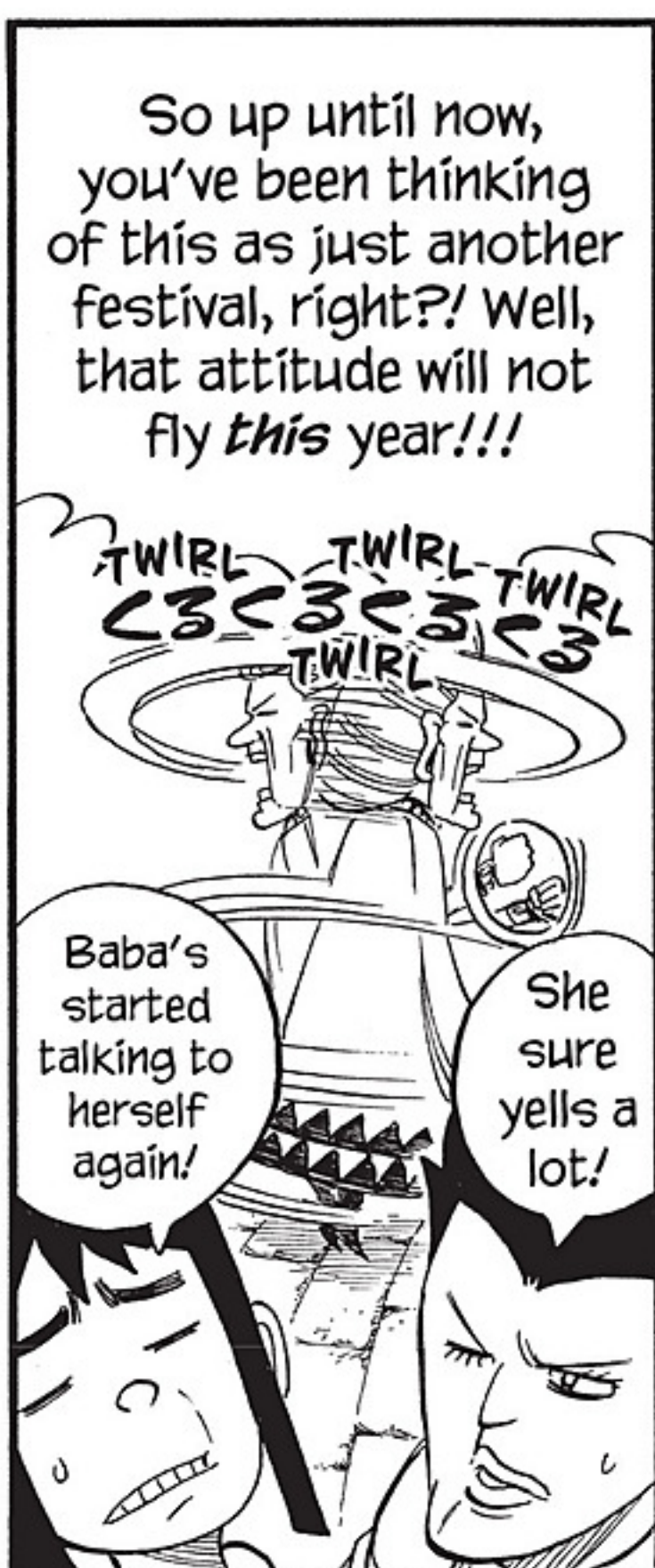
Remarks

One of the three members of the Fairy Tail team "Shadow Gear," along with Levy and Droy. During the time that Levy was absent, he and Droy did their jobs together.

He used to be in love with Levy, but during her seven-year absence, he's had a couple of girlfriends. They were both nice girls, but he's broken up with both of them now. Once Levy returned, his feelings for her returned as well, but now that he sees that Levy may have feelings for Gajeel, there's a part of him who simply wishes for her happiness.



Wizard
Guild
Lamia
Scale...

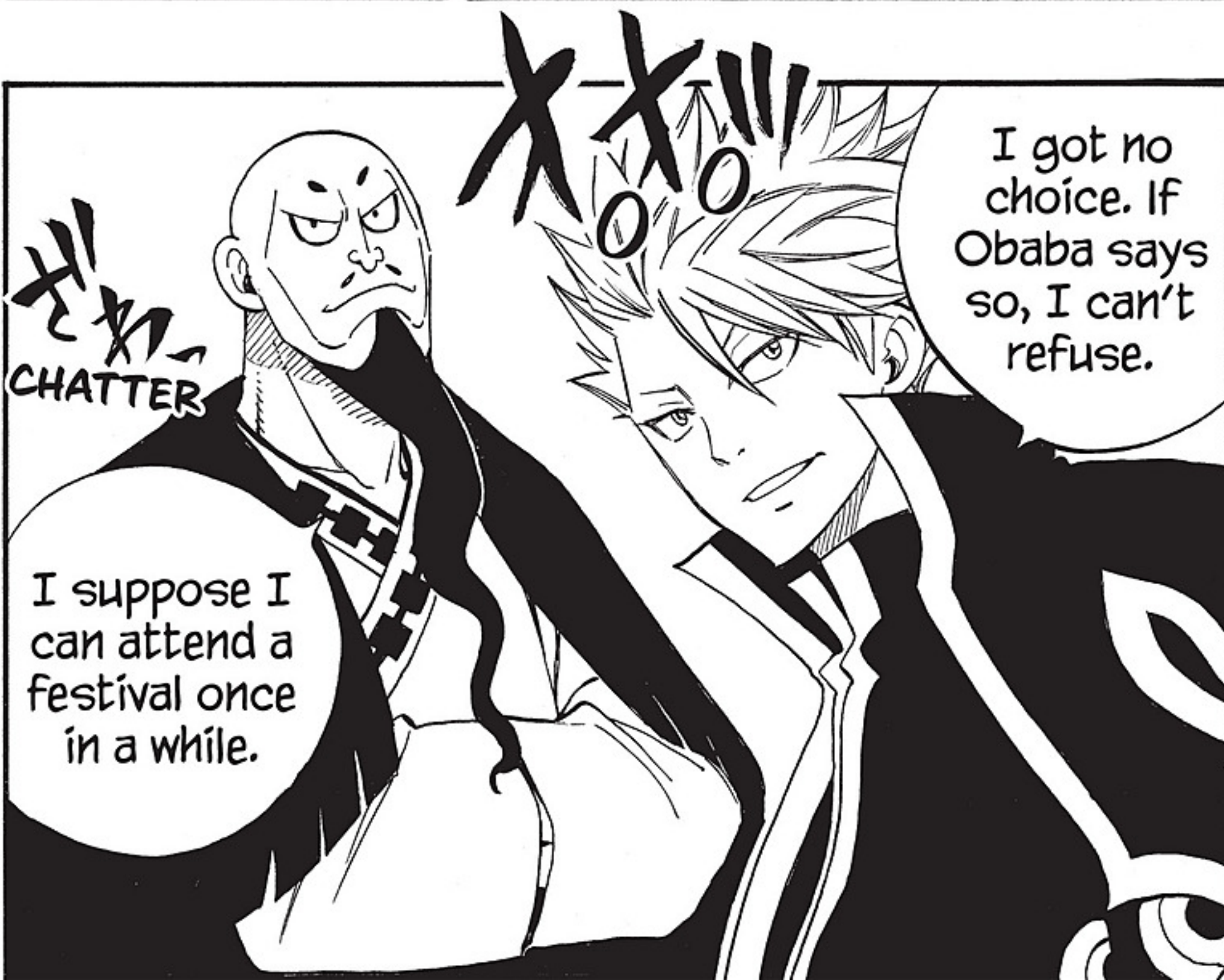


So up until now,
you've been thinking
of this as just another
festival, right?! Well,
that attitude will not
fly *this* year!!!

This can't
be!!! It
is a bad
joke!!!

The Grand
Magic
Games?!!
Every year
we come
up second-
best!!!

LAMIA
SCALE
MASTER
OHBA BABASAAMA



ハハハ
CHATTER

I suppose I
can attend a
festival once
in a while.

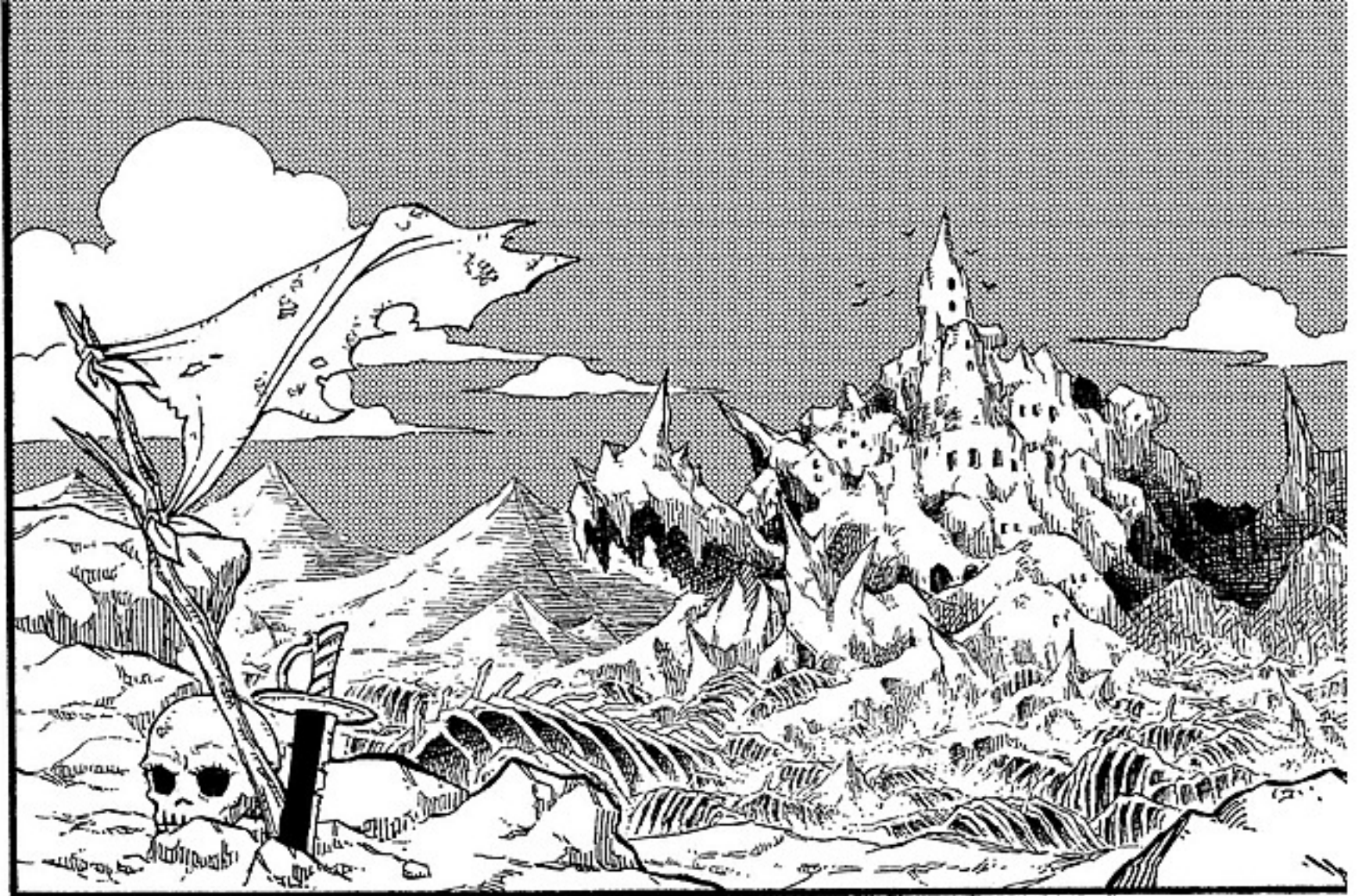
I got no
choice. If
Obaba says
so, I can't
refuse.



Lyon!!
Jura!!

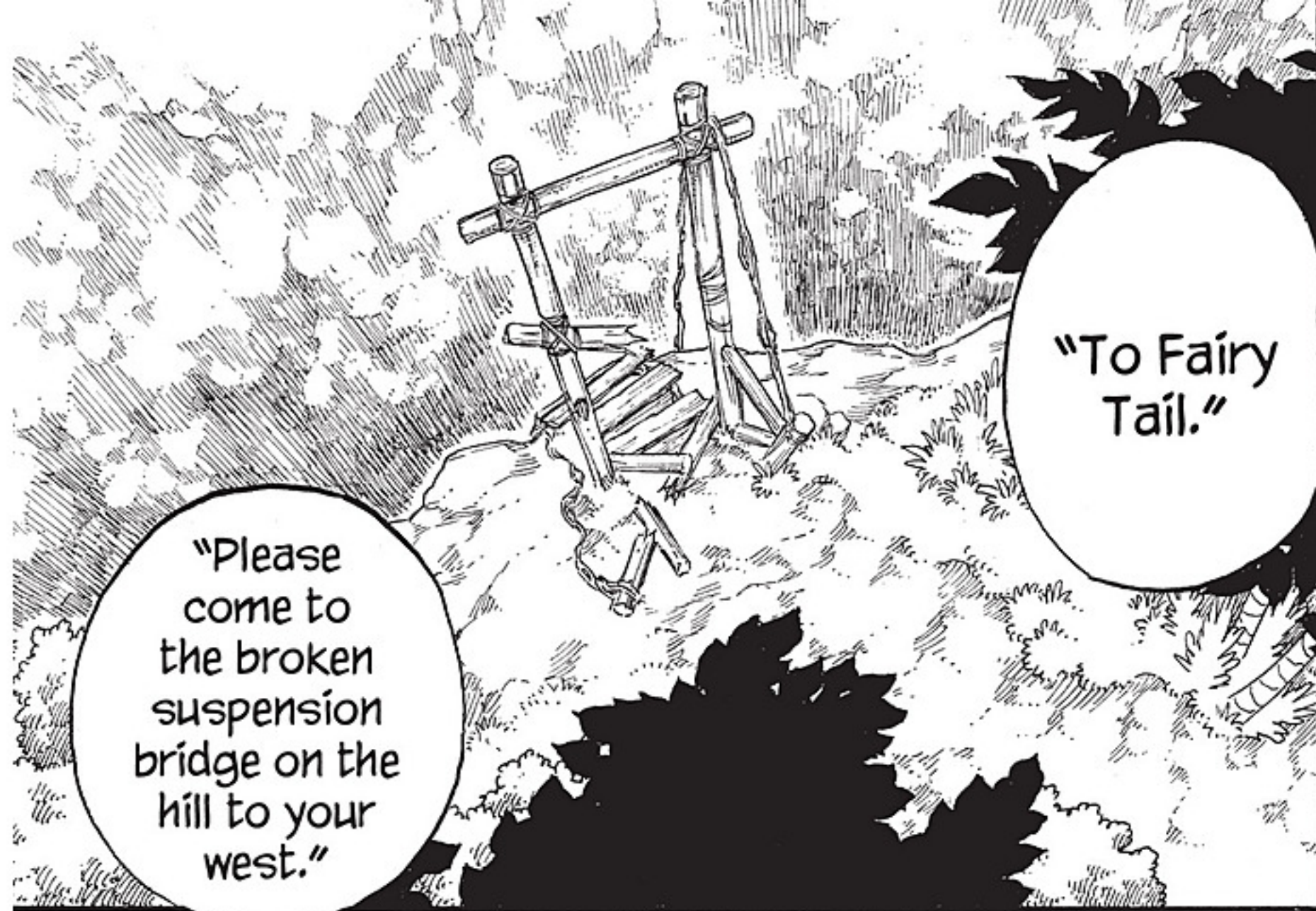
You two will
participate
this time!!





**WIZARD
GUILD
RAVEN TAIL**



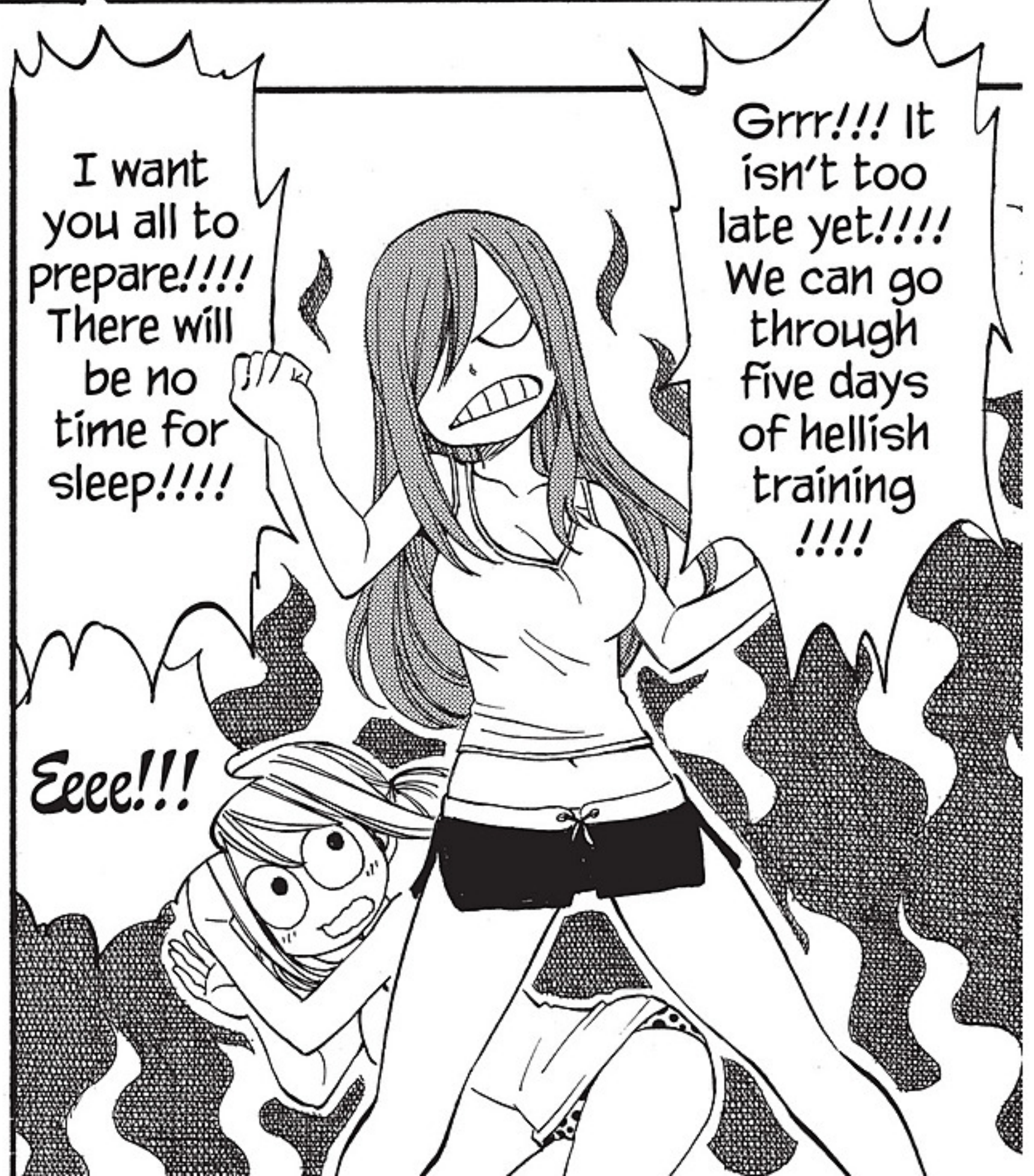
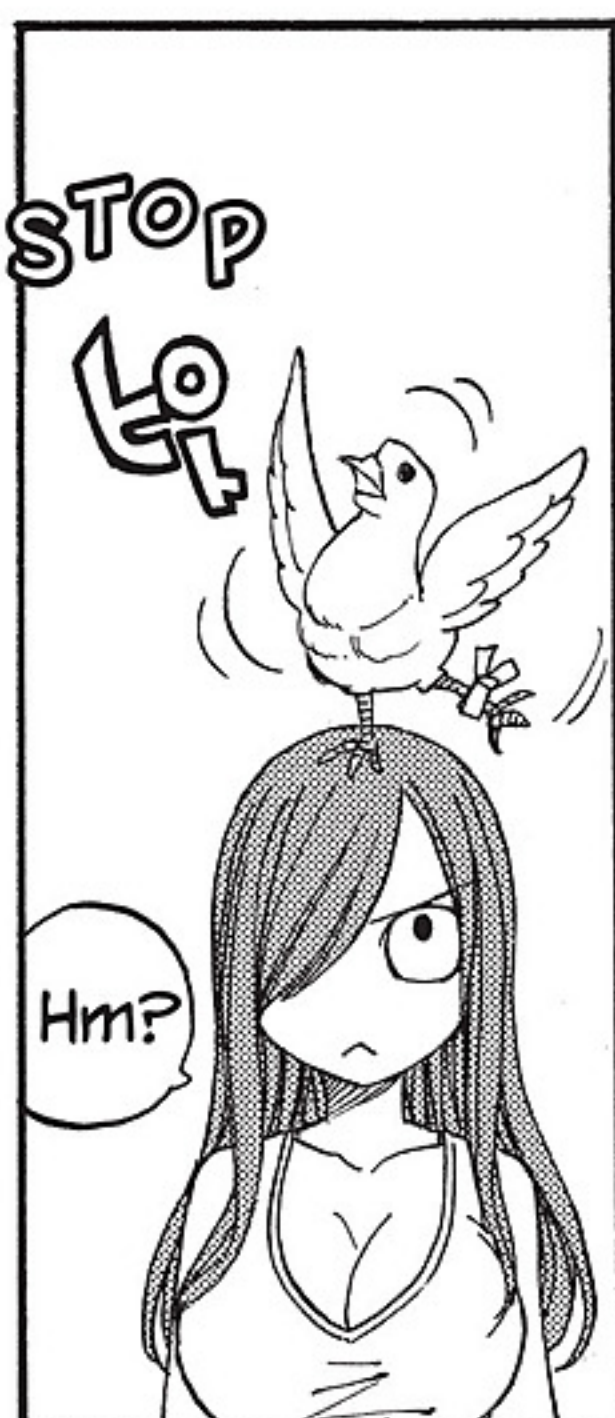
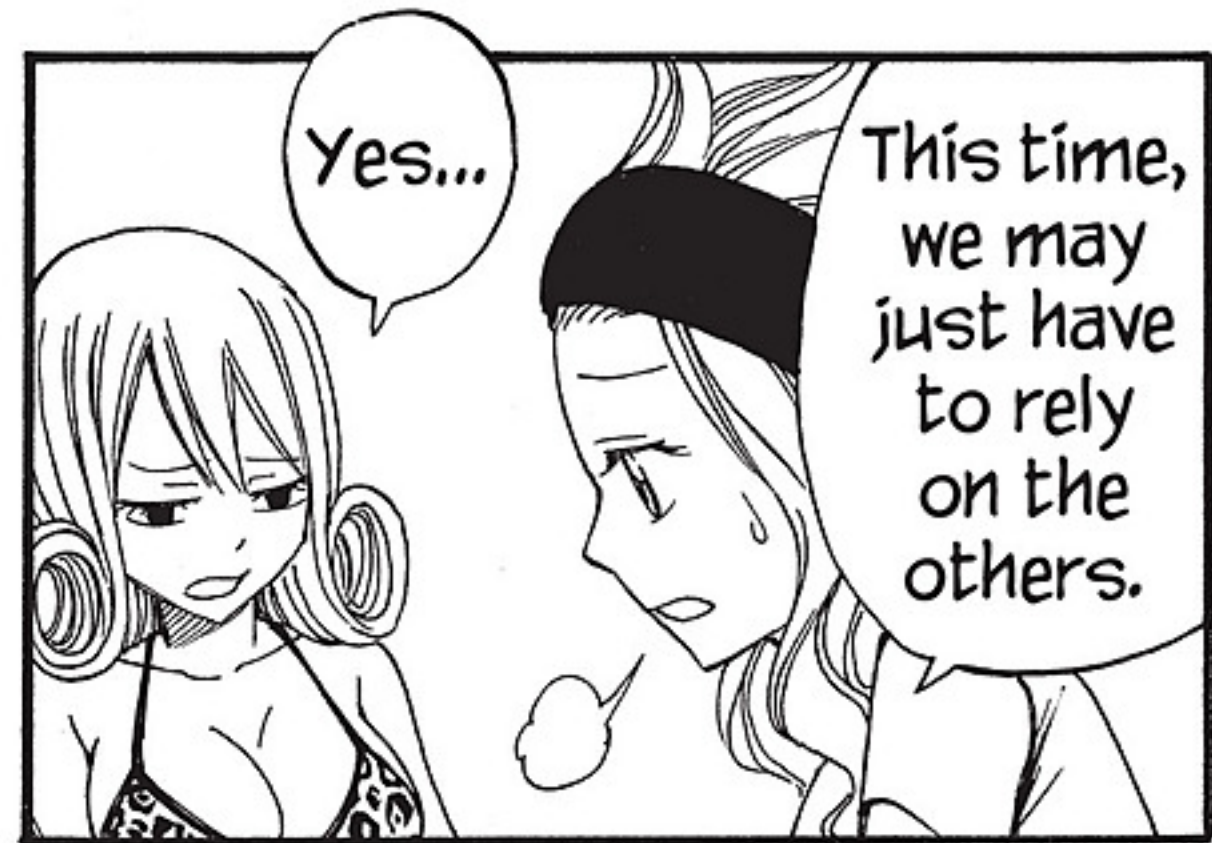
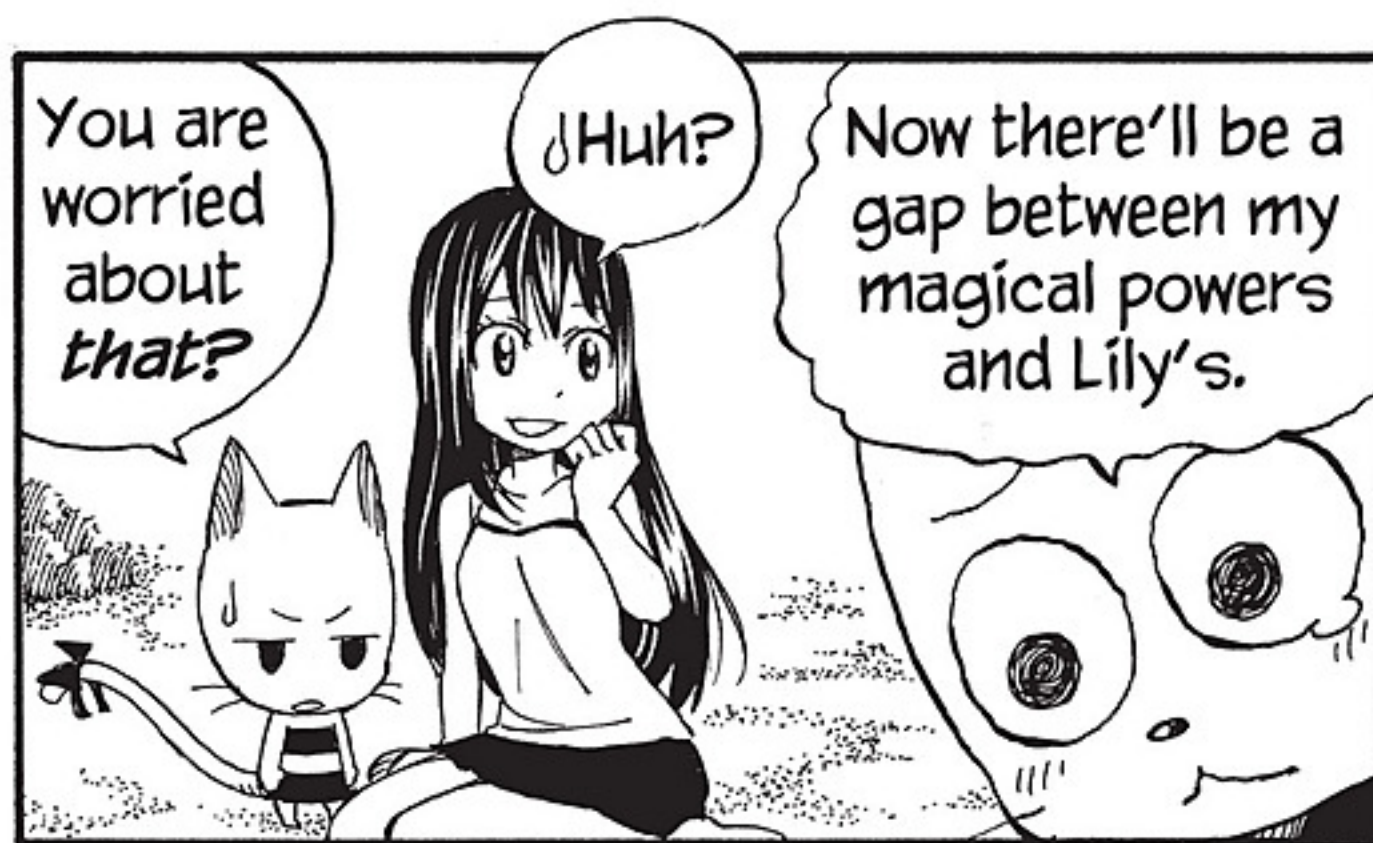


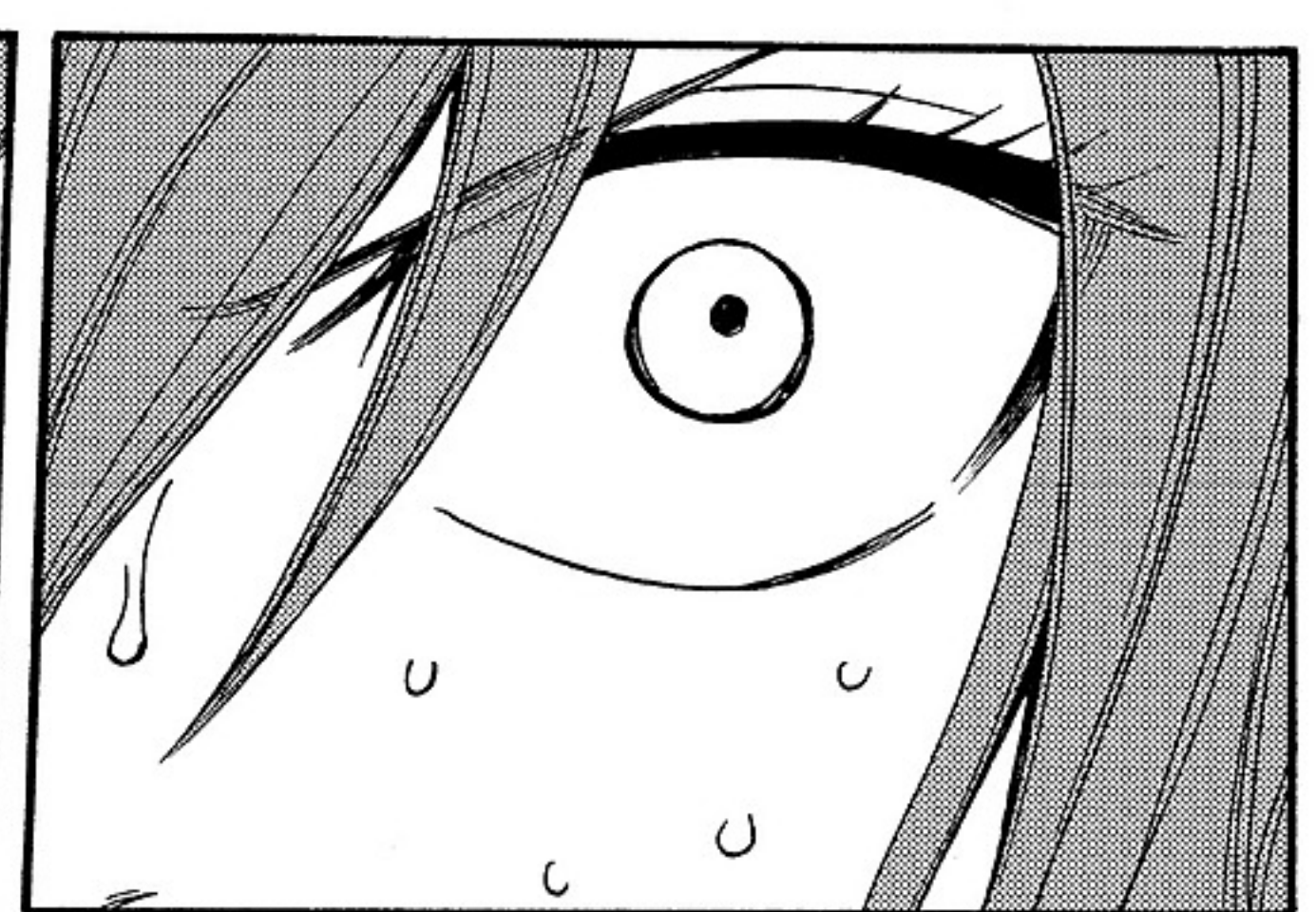
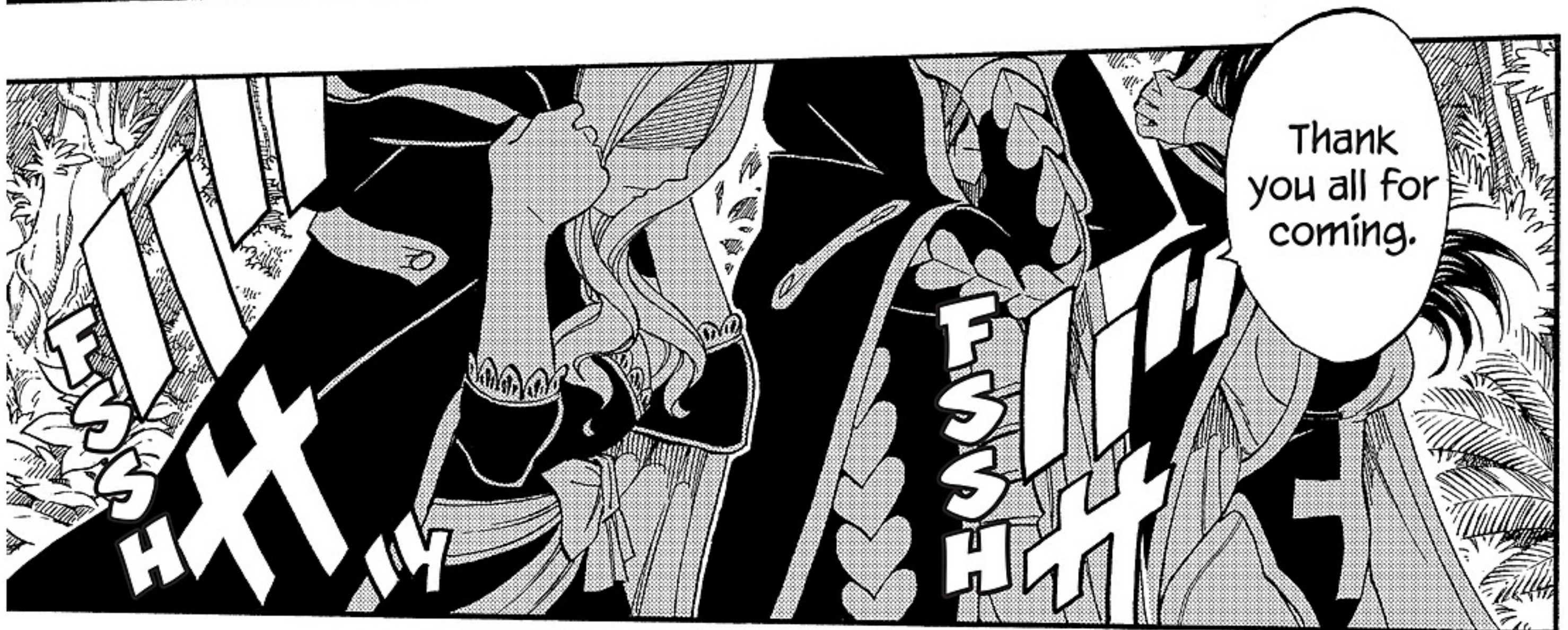
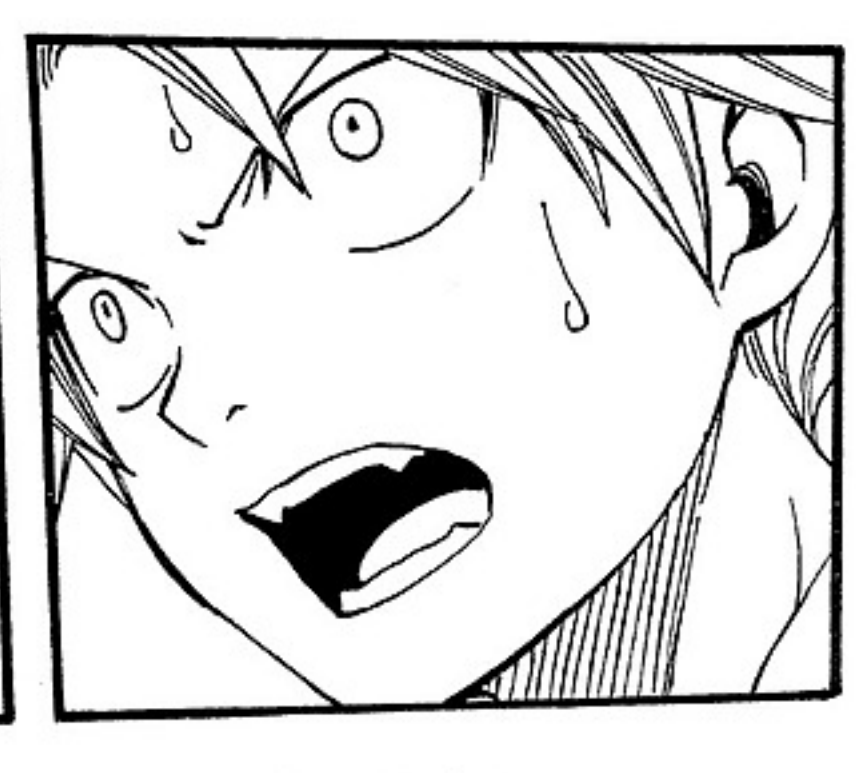
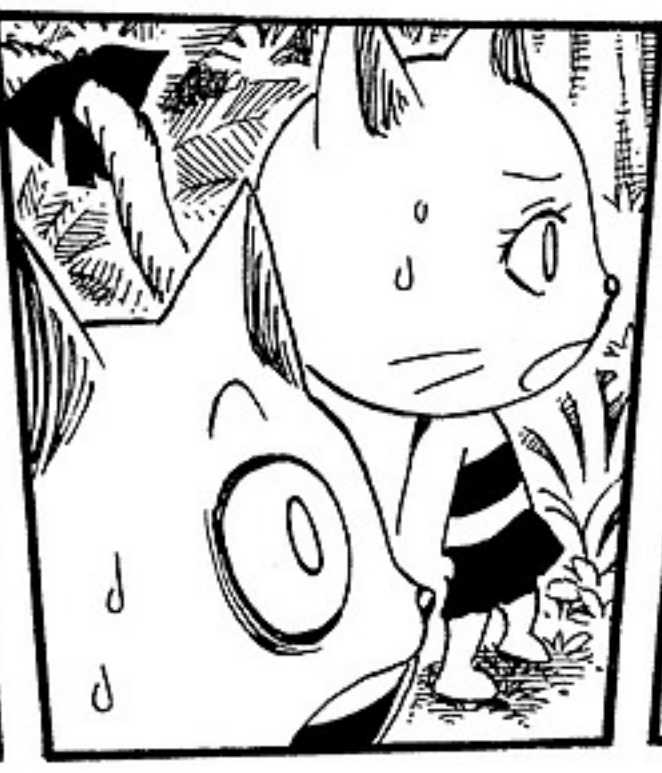
"To Fairy Tail."

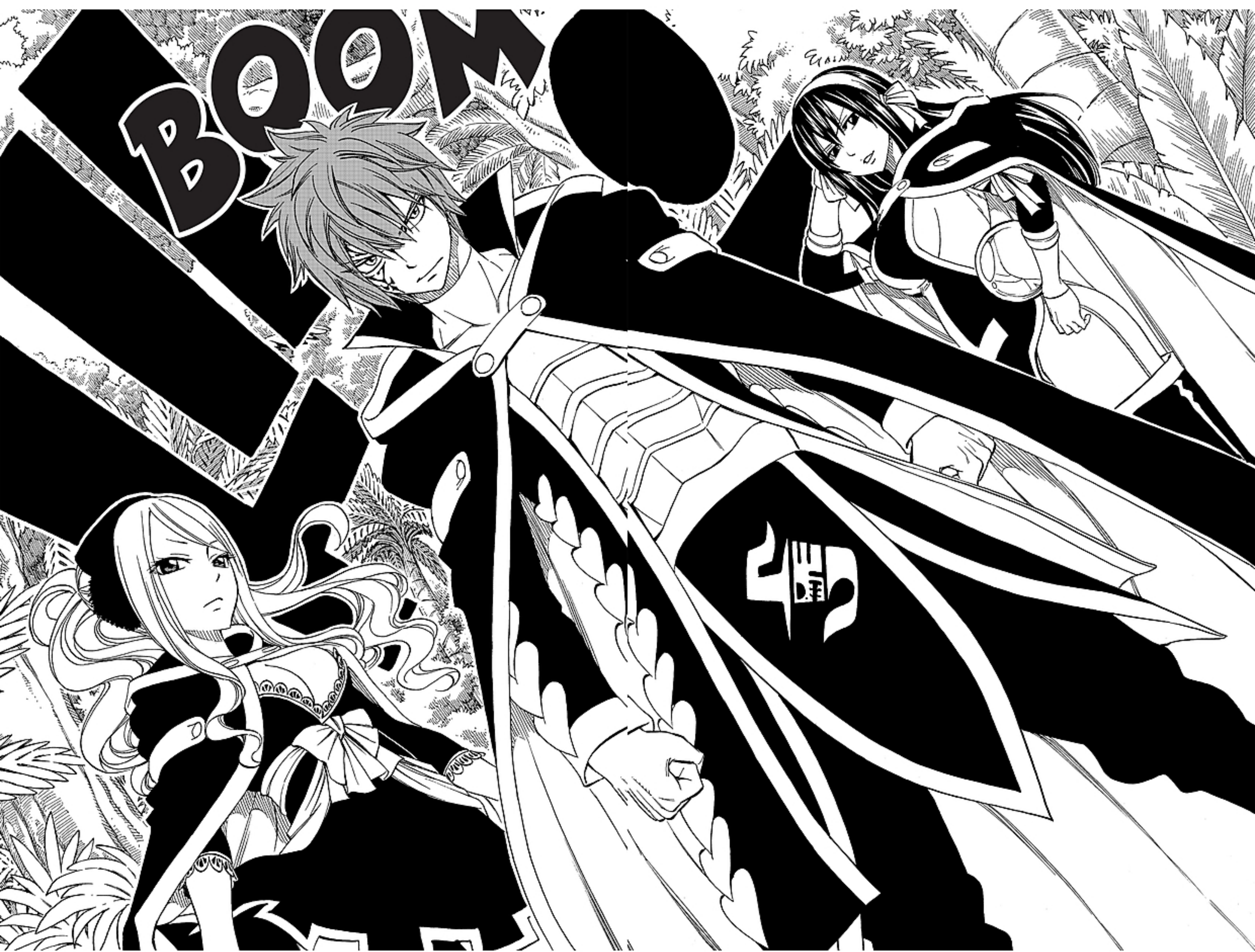


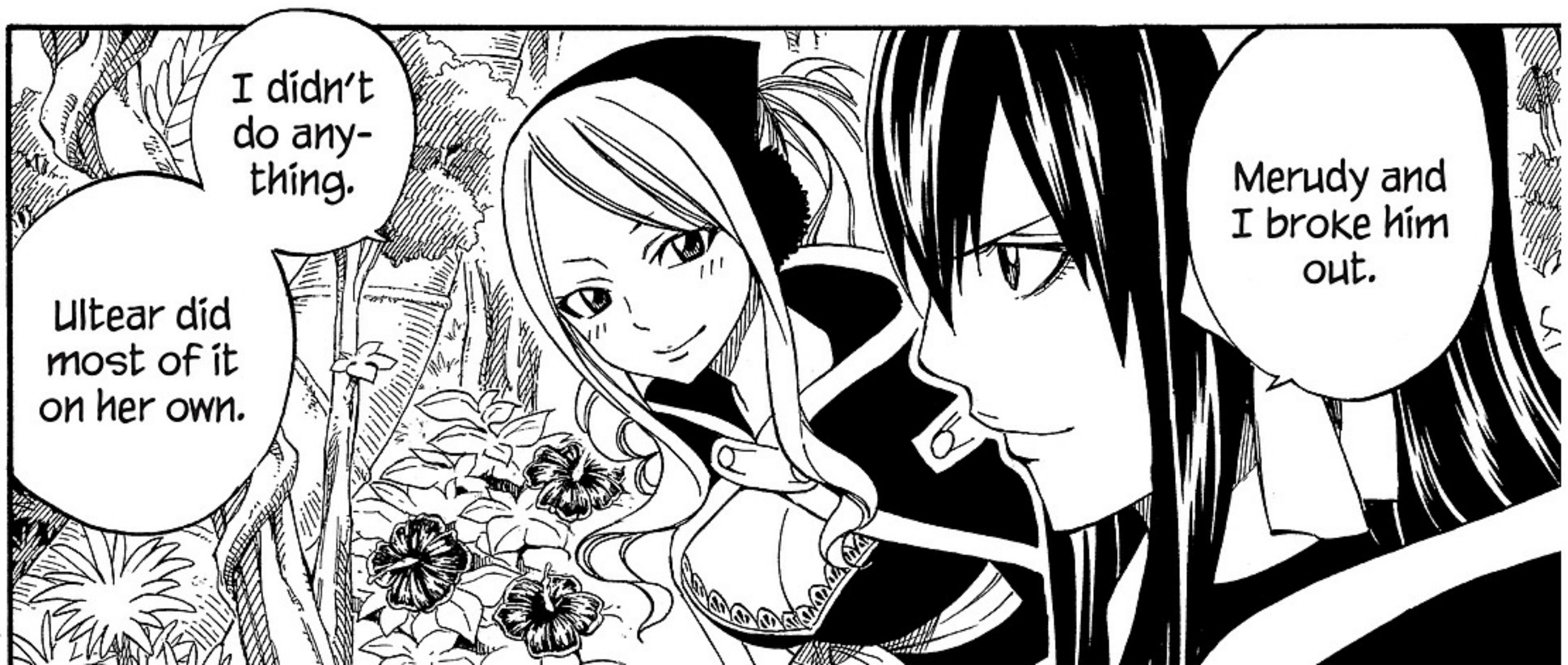
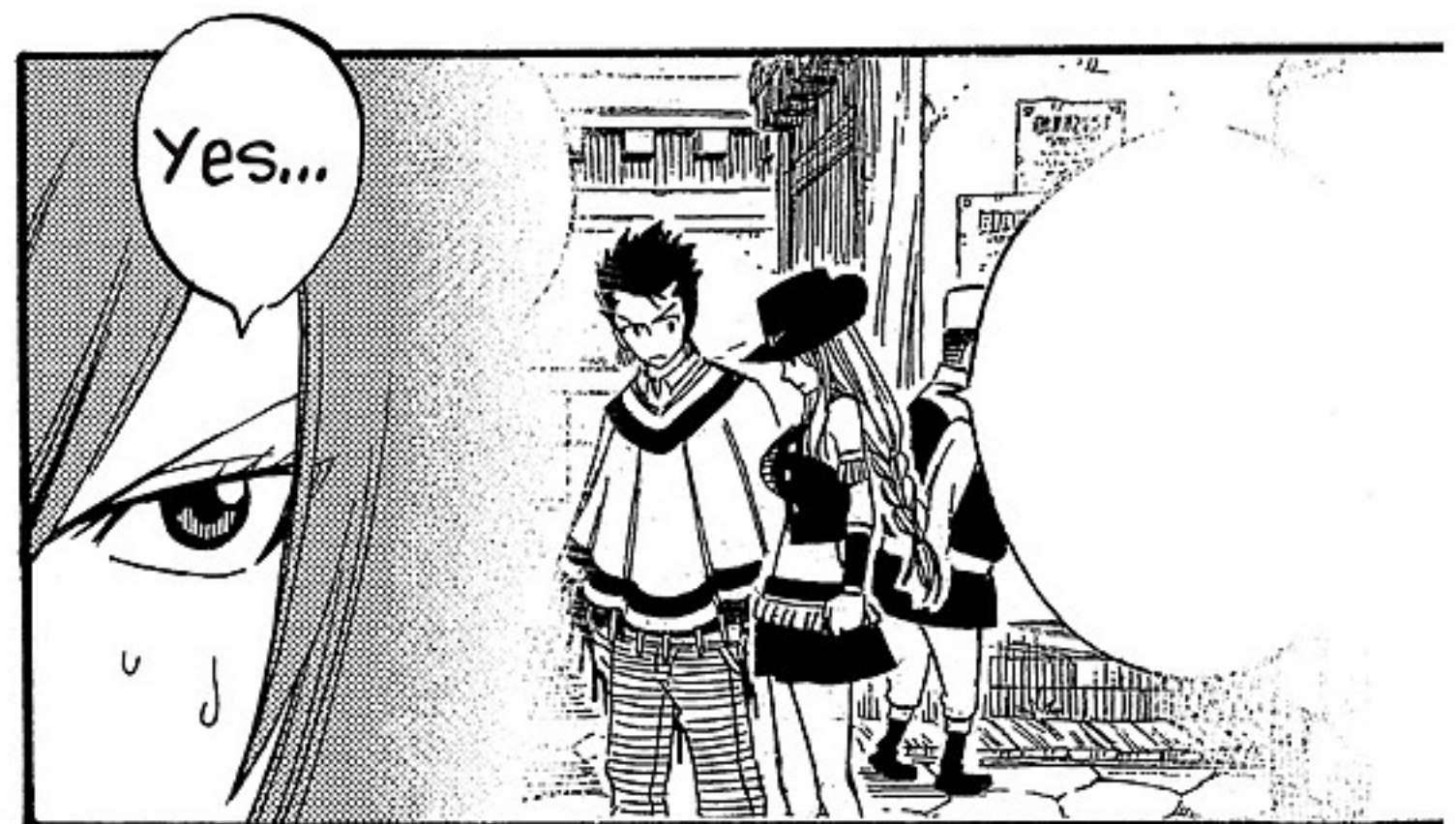
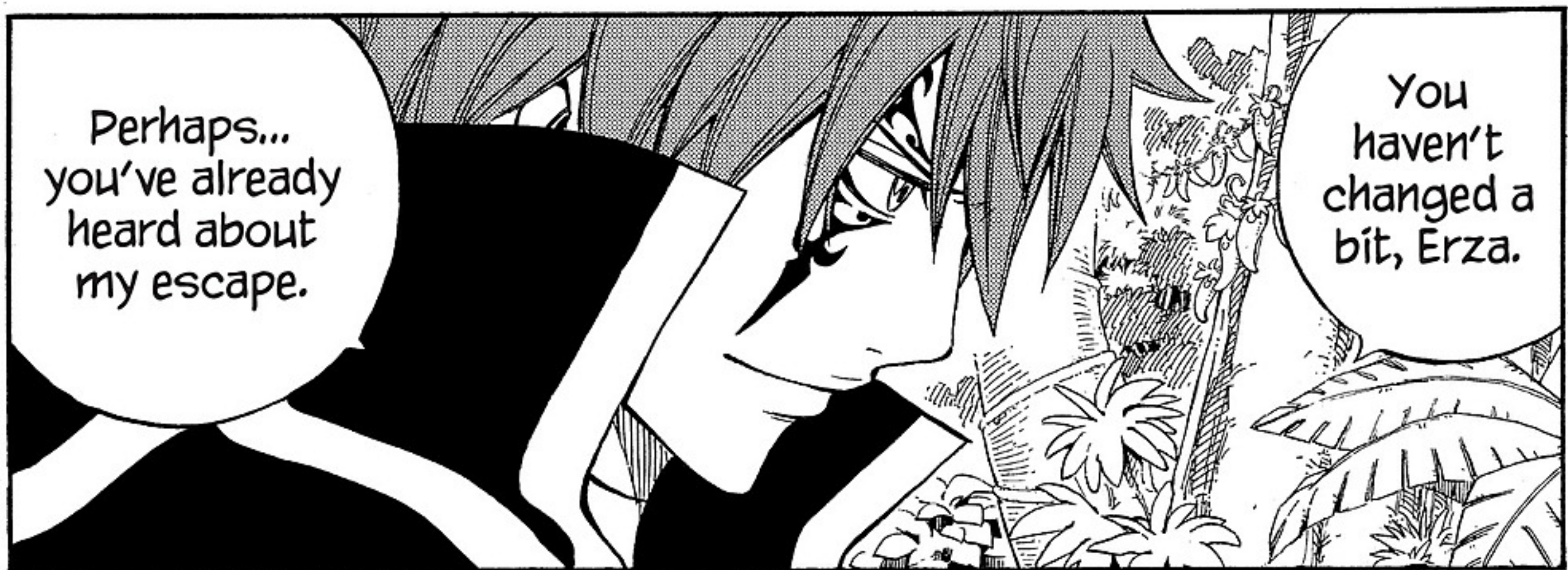
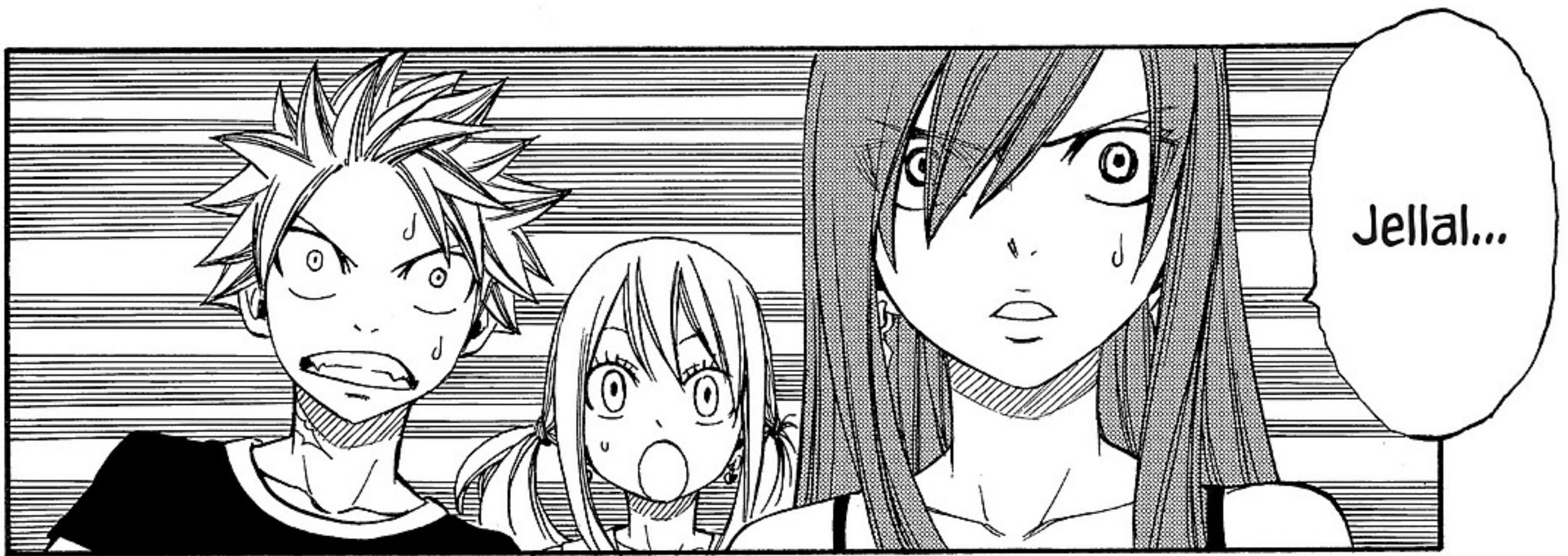
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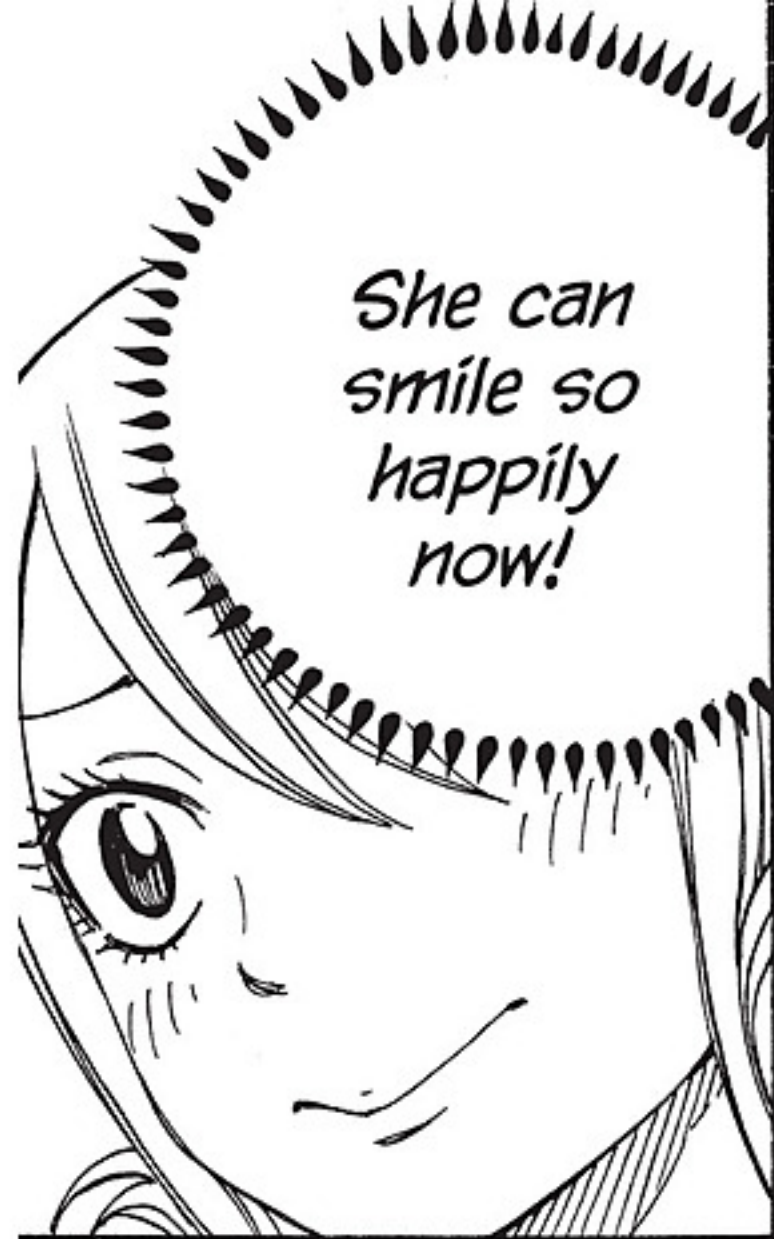












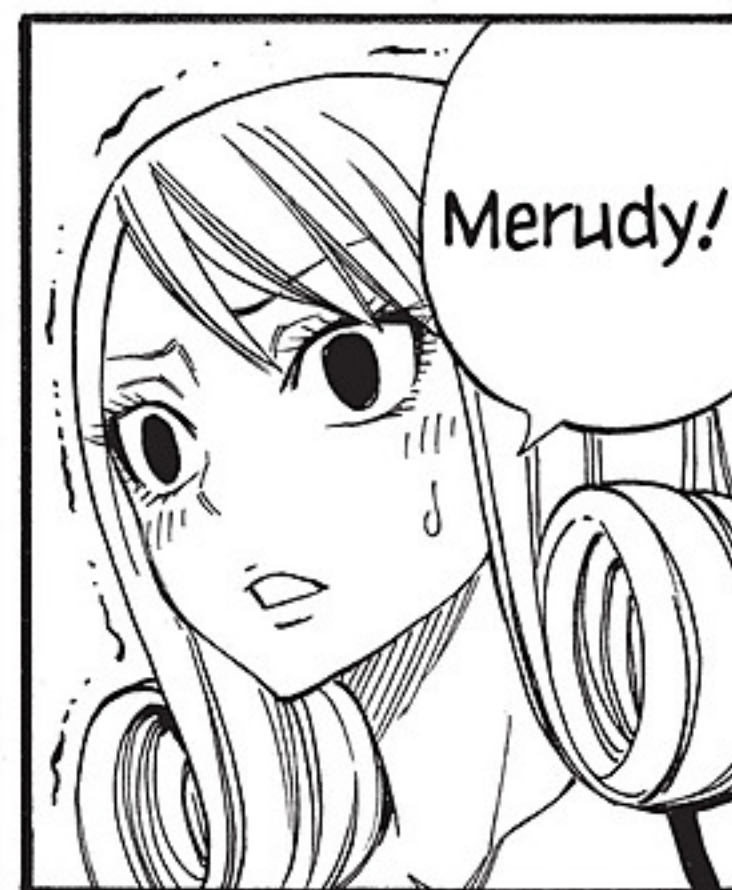
She can smile so happily now!



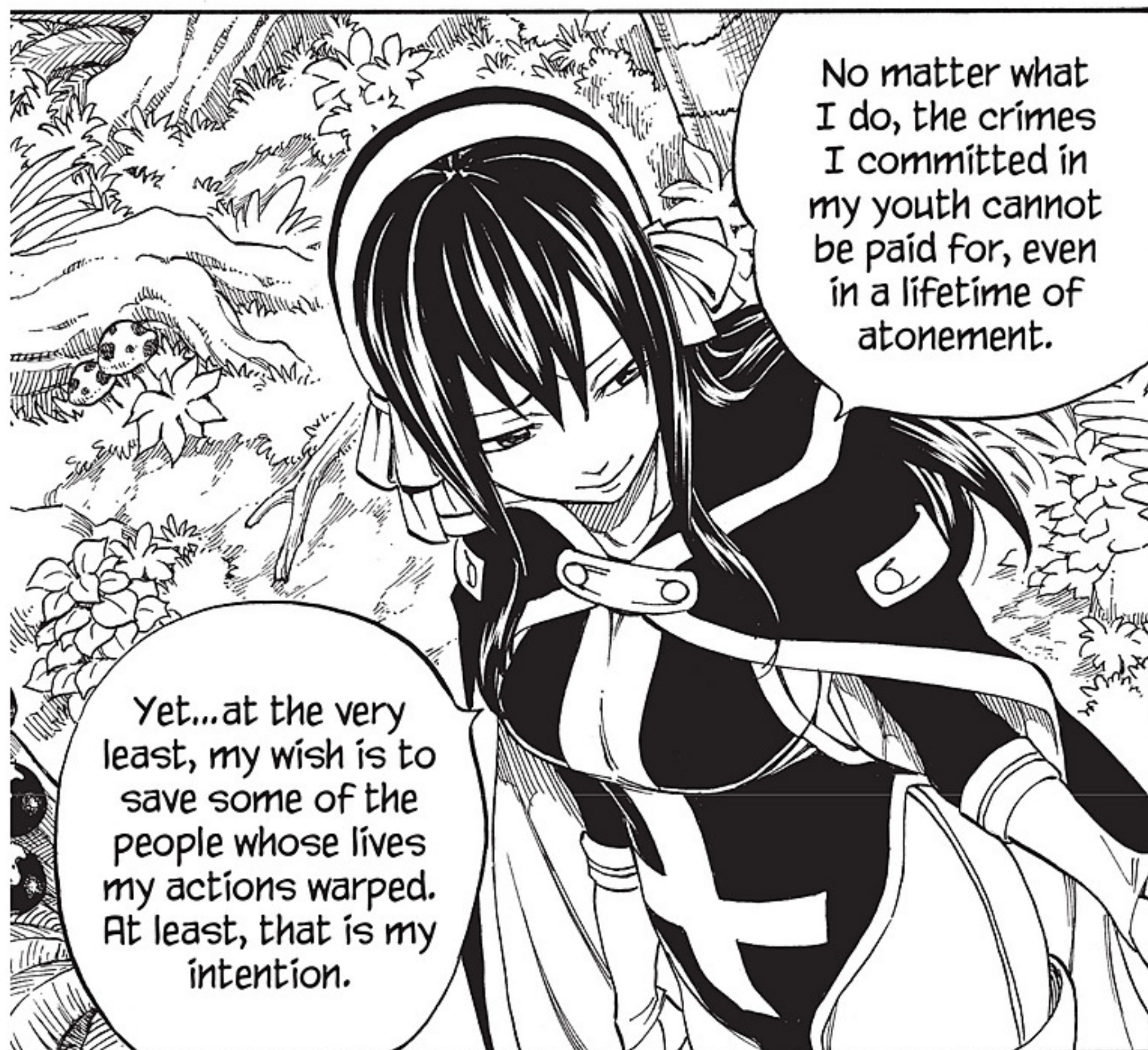
SMILE
XOXO

It's been a long time!

Juvia!



Merudy!



No matter what I do, the crimes I committed in my youth cannot be paid for, even in a lifetime of atonement.

Yet...at the very least, my wish is to save some of the people whose lives my actions warped. At least, that is my intention.



Hey! Wait! They're not enemies now.

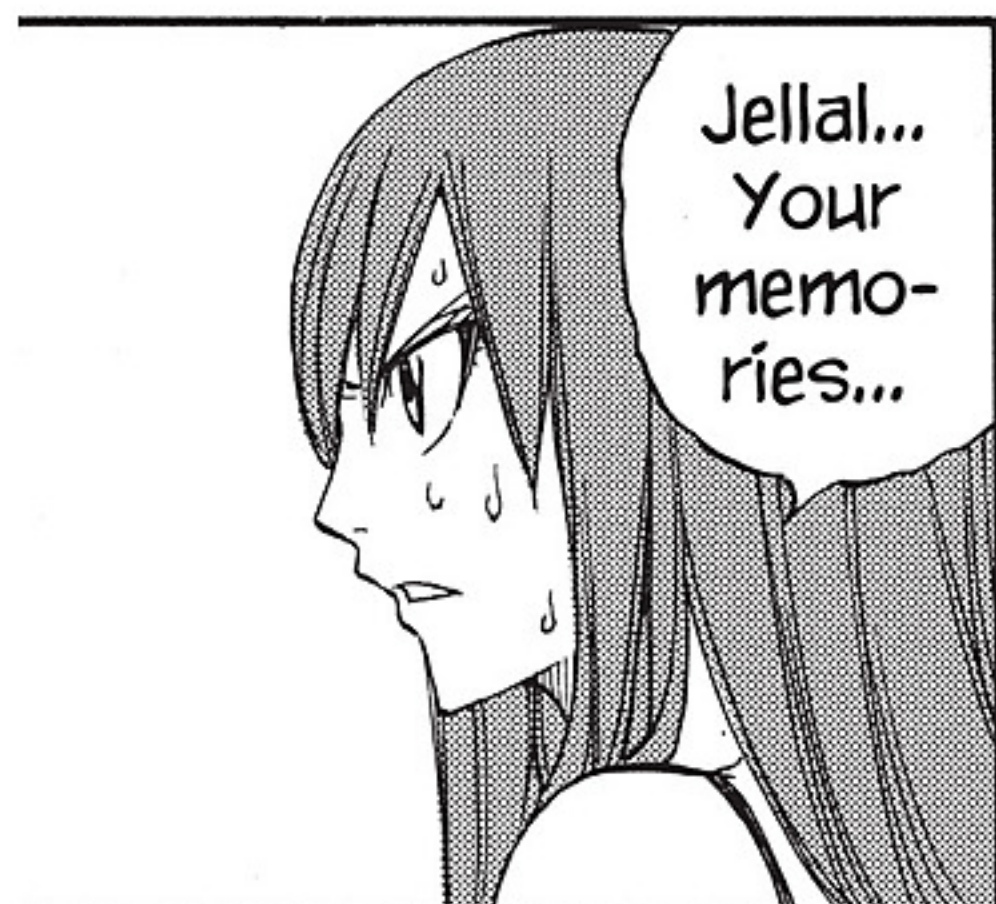
Those two are from Grimoire ...

Jellal escaped prison?

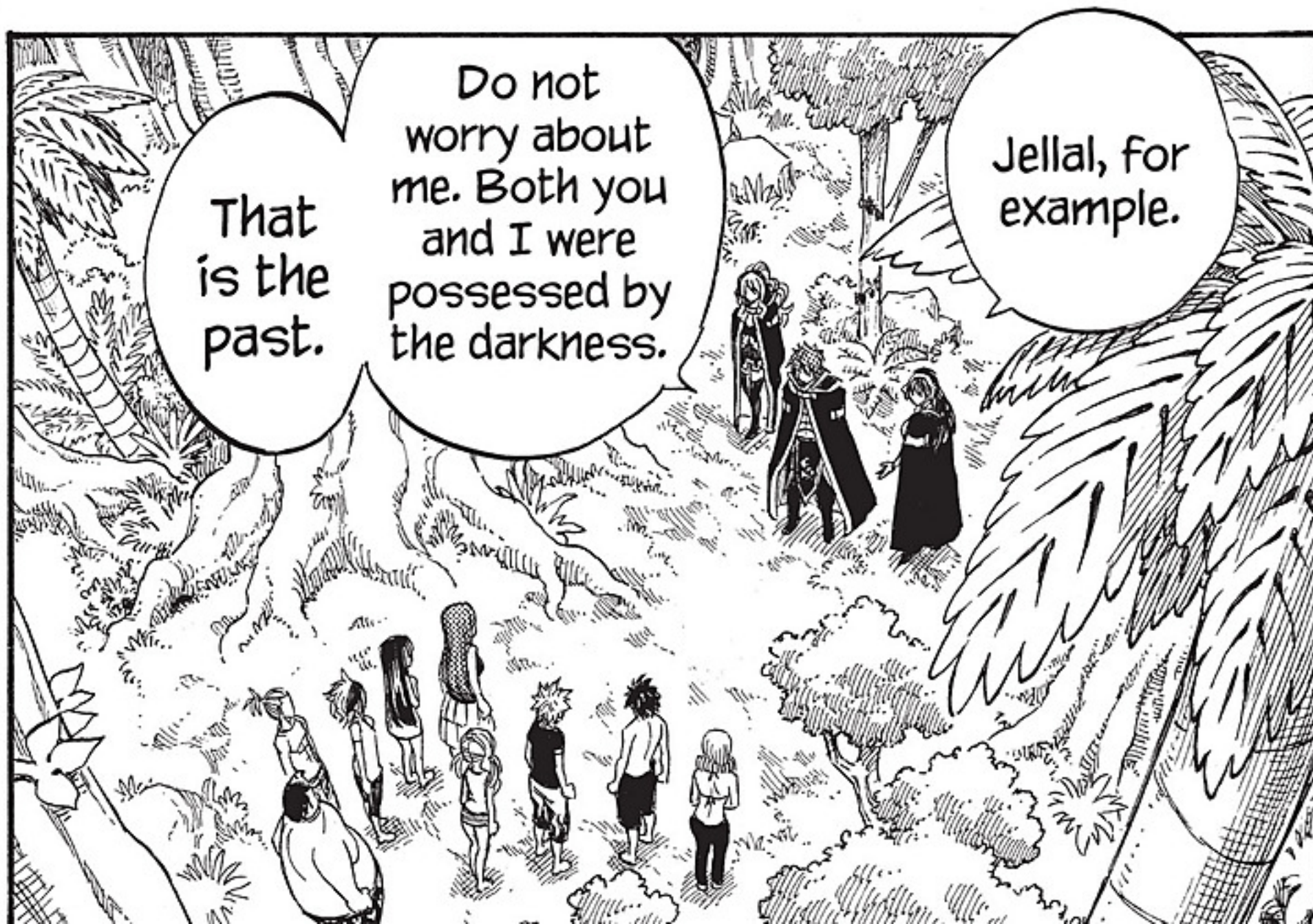


We aren't.

You aren't, are you?



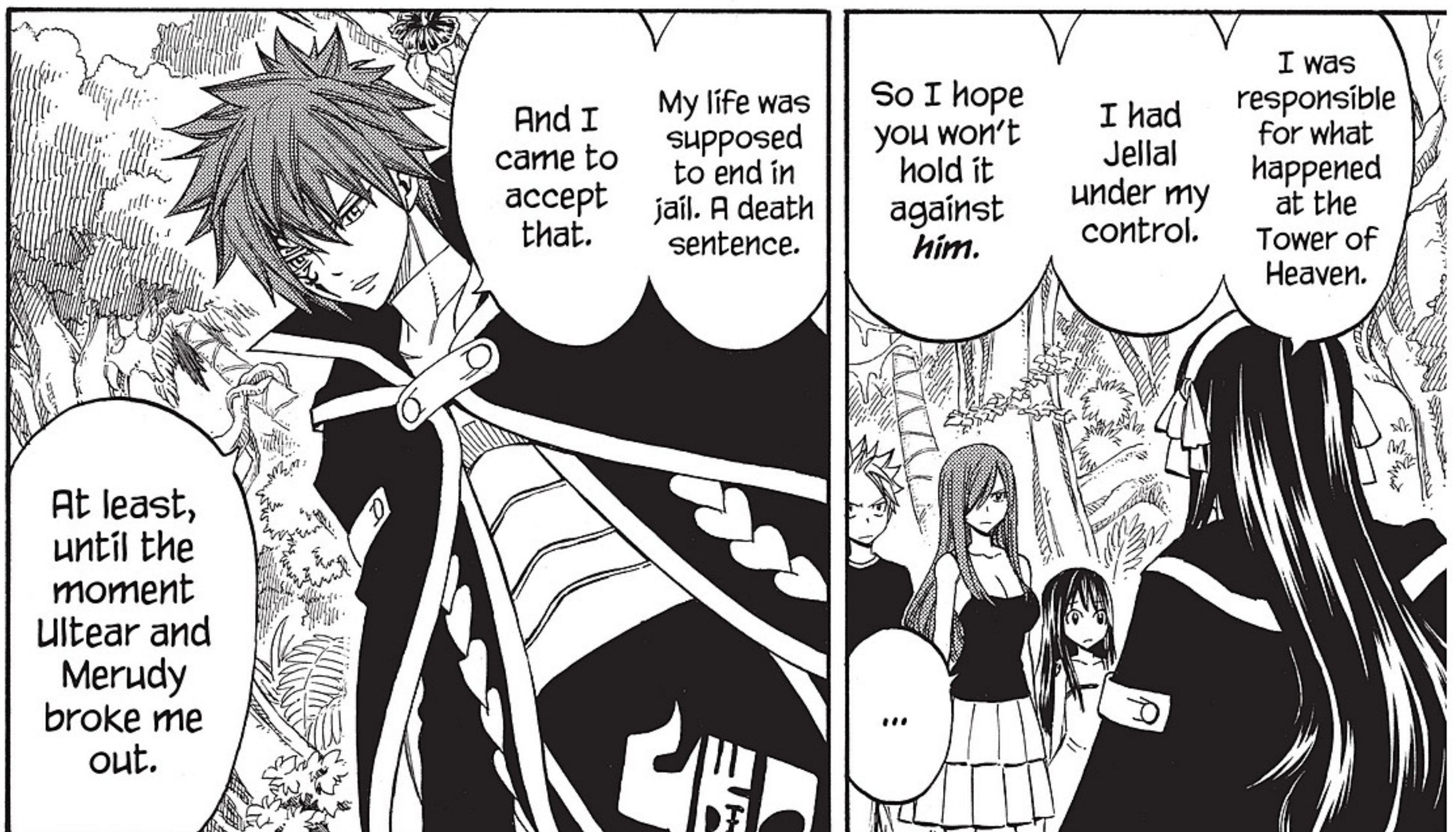
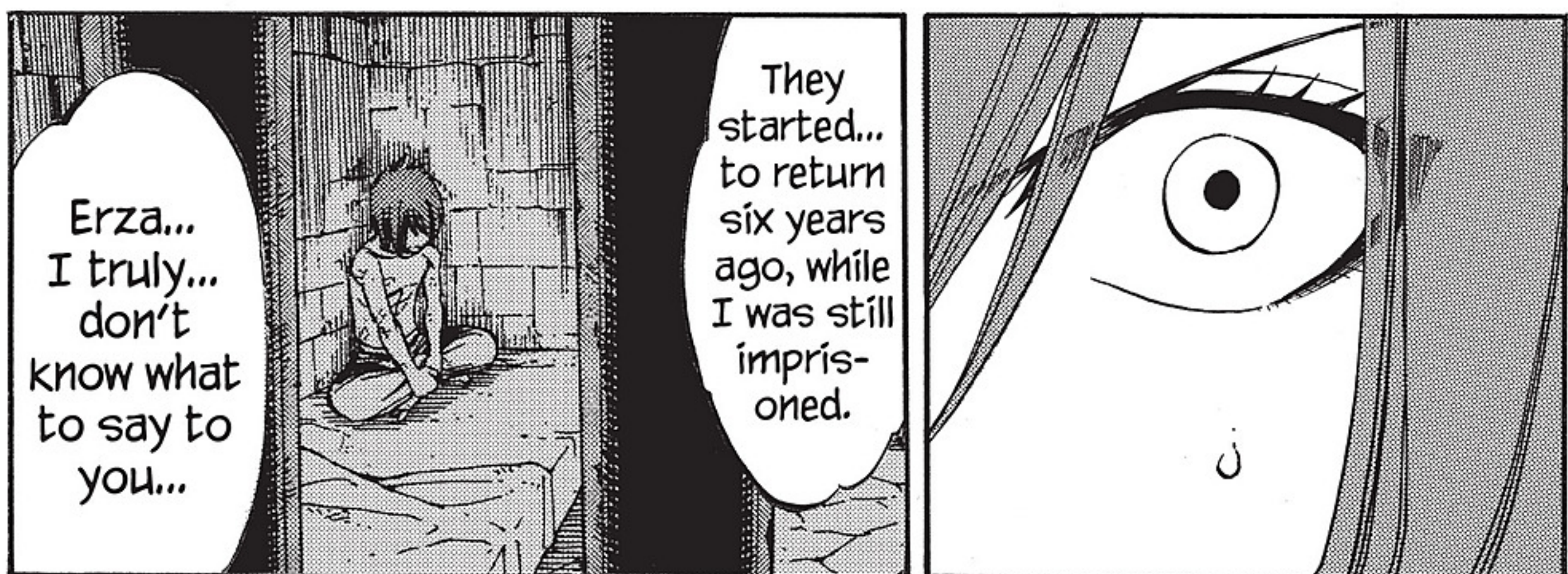
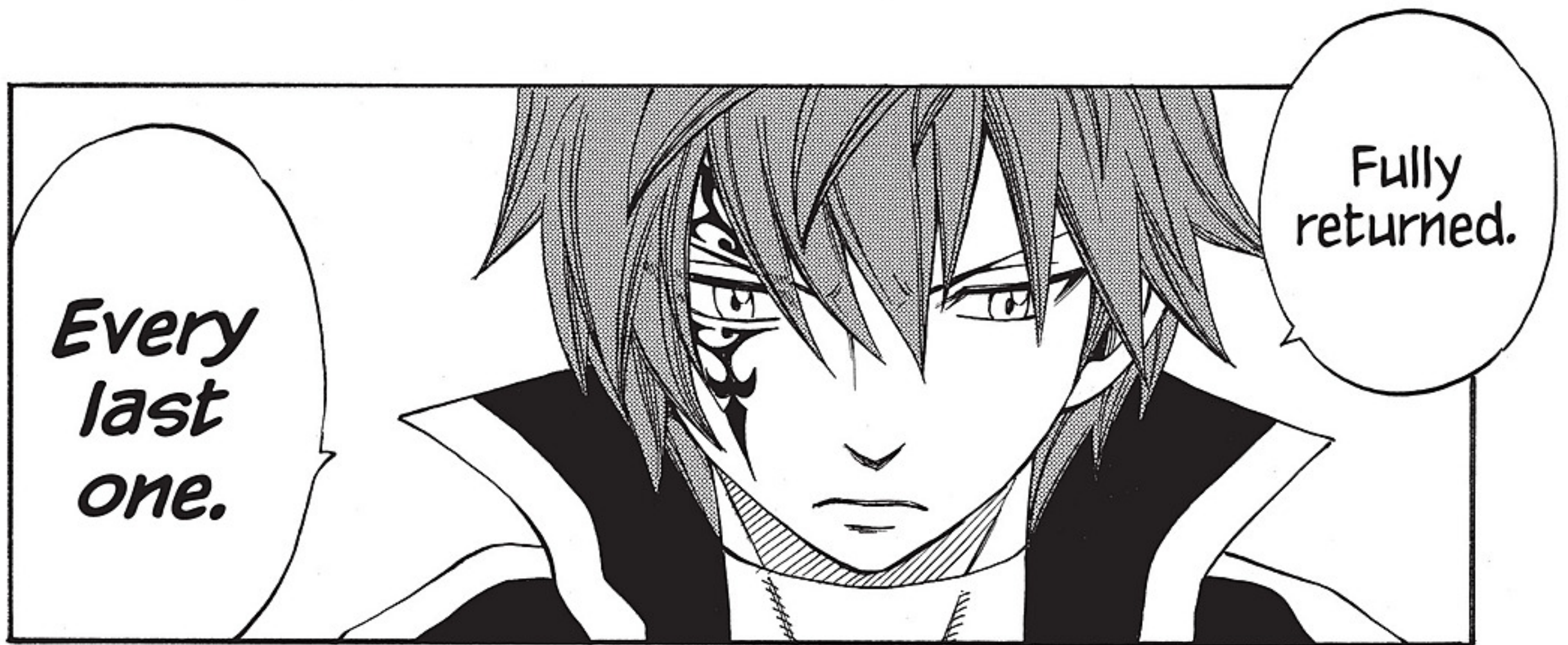
Jellal... Your memories...



That is the past.

Do not worry about me. Both you and I were possessed by the darkness.

Jellal, for example.







We wish for a world where no wizard will ever be possessed by darkness as we once were.

We are a guild formed for the purpose of rooting out Zeref... the dark guilds... all who would turn this world to darkness.



And we're originally from Grimoire Heart.

I'm an escaped prisoner.

It'd be nice if the Magic Council recognized your guild as an official guild.



That's really amazing!

Ohh!



Therefore, we have a favor to request of you.

We cannot go near the stadium.

You want somebody's autograph?

Not as such.



We hear you are participating in the Grand Magic Games.

Y-Yeah...



Now... We didn't actually call you here to introduce ourselves.



Also, at least publicly, official guilds are prevented from any acts of aggression against other guilds—even dark guilds.

This form of guild suits us better.



Every year during the festival, we sense a very odd style of magic.

We'd like you to find out what it is.



Maybe we noticed it because we were all too close to Zeref once.

But that magic seems evil, like Zeref's.

At first, we thought so too.



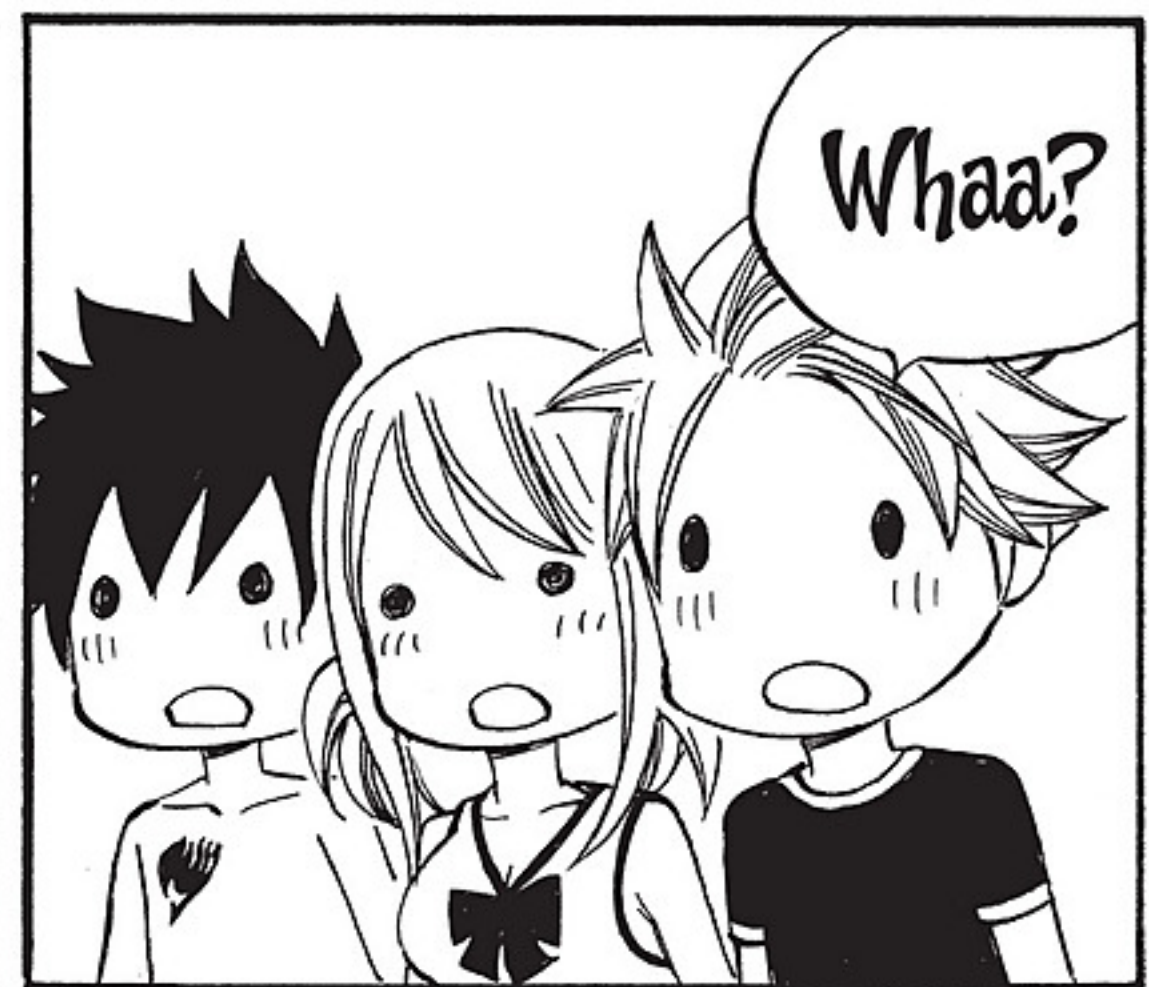
It's a gathering of all the guilds throughout Fiore, right? There's bound to be a trace of suspicious magic.

What do you mean?





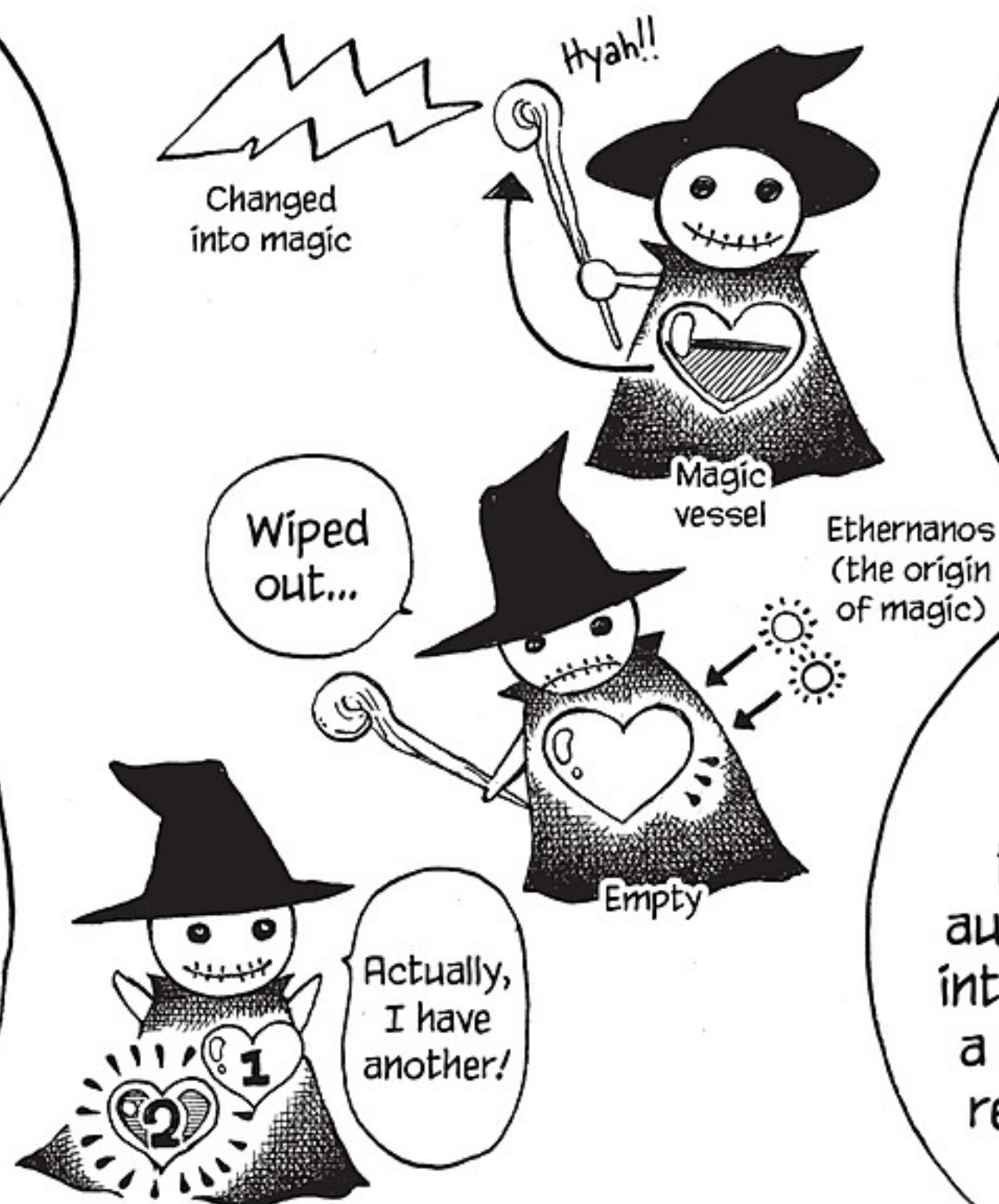
I could call it something tempting like a "power up," but that's not really it.



Whaa?

However... Recent research into wizards has revealed a portion of the vessel that usually goes unused.

A latent potential that everyone has, the *second origin*.



Wizards have something like a "vessel" within them that limits the amount of magic power they can possess.

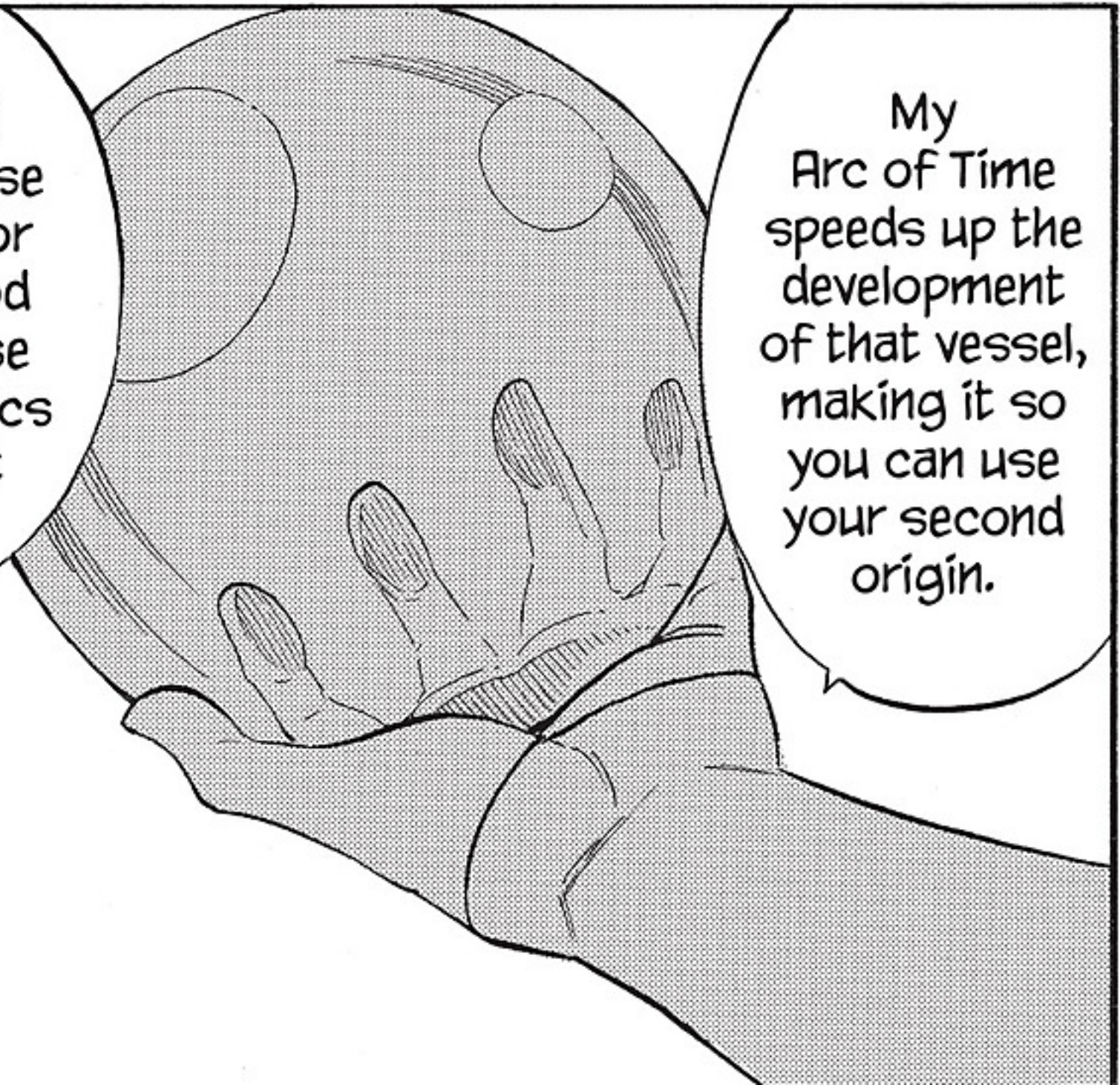
Even if you use up all of your magic, the ethernanos in the atmosphere are automatically absorbed into the body, and, given a little time, the vessel returns to its normal, full state.

OOOHH!!!!

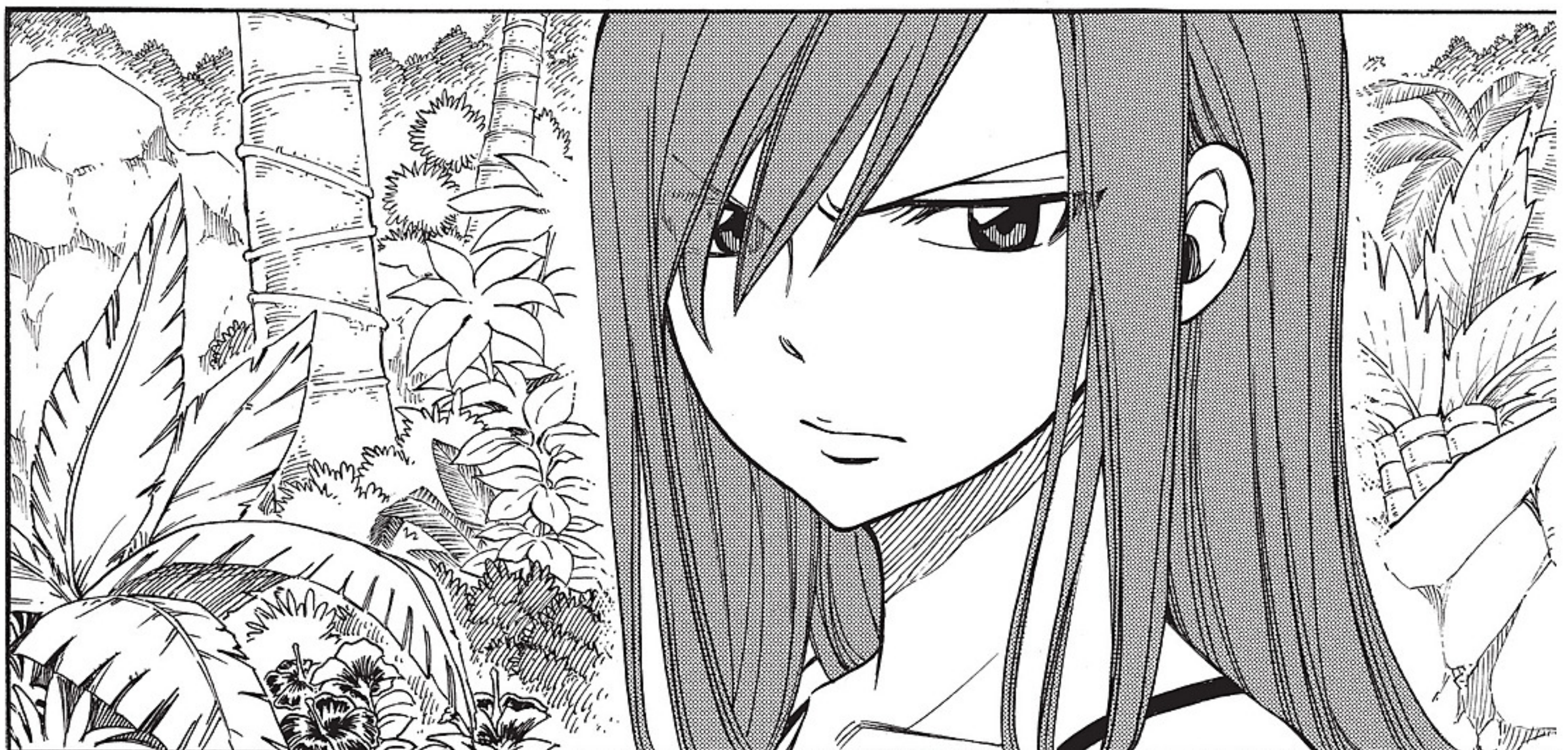
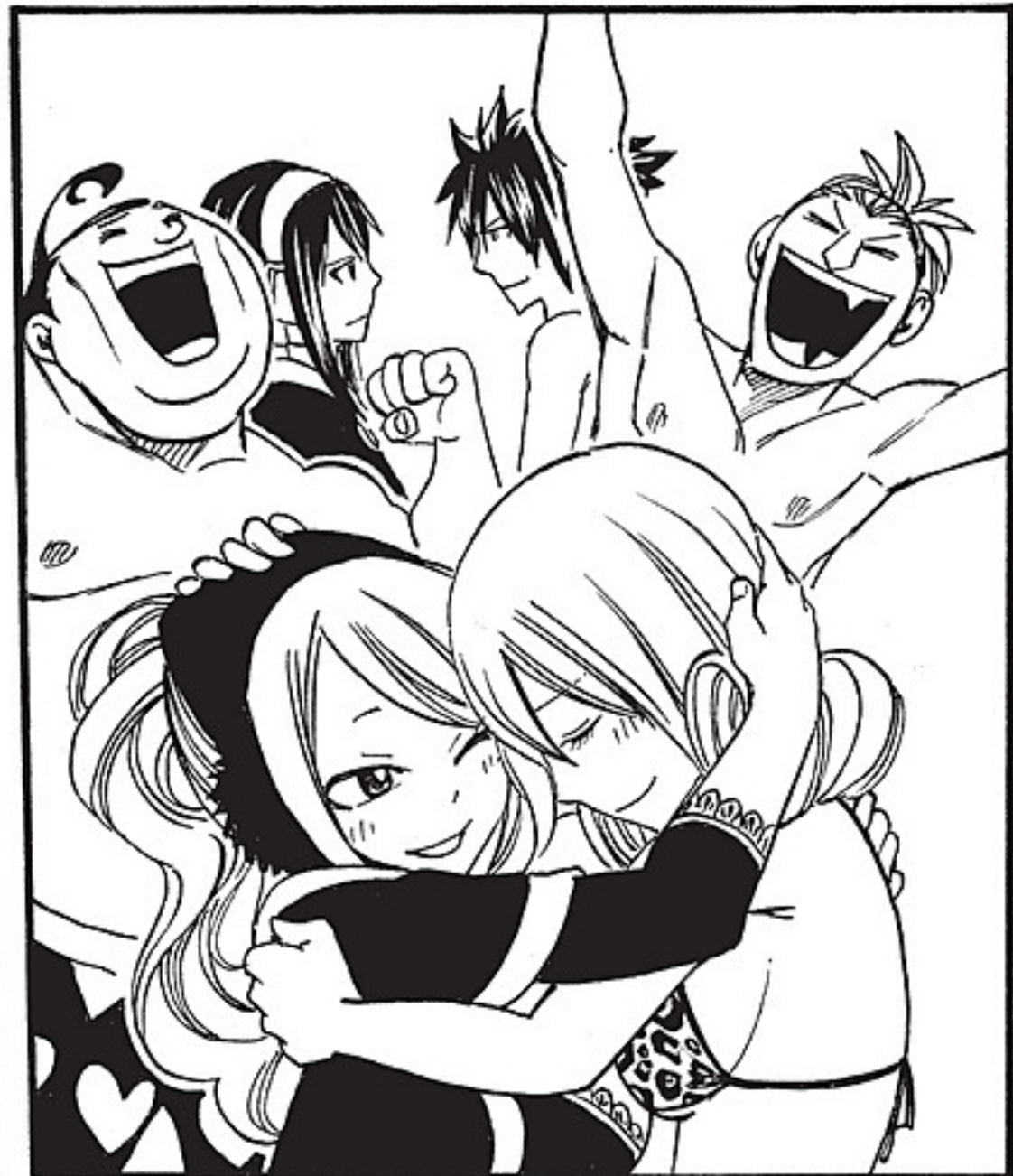
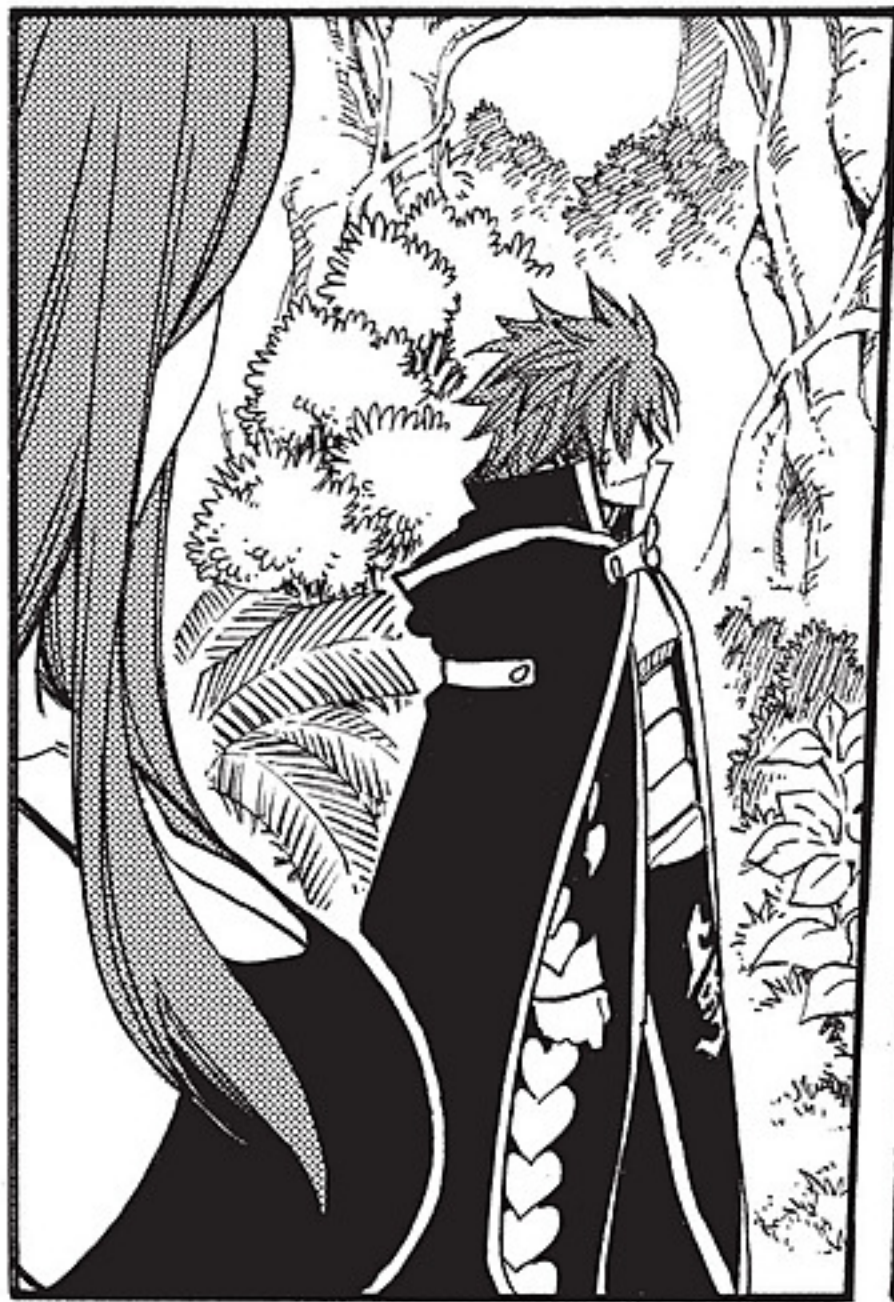
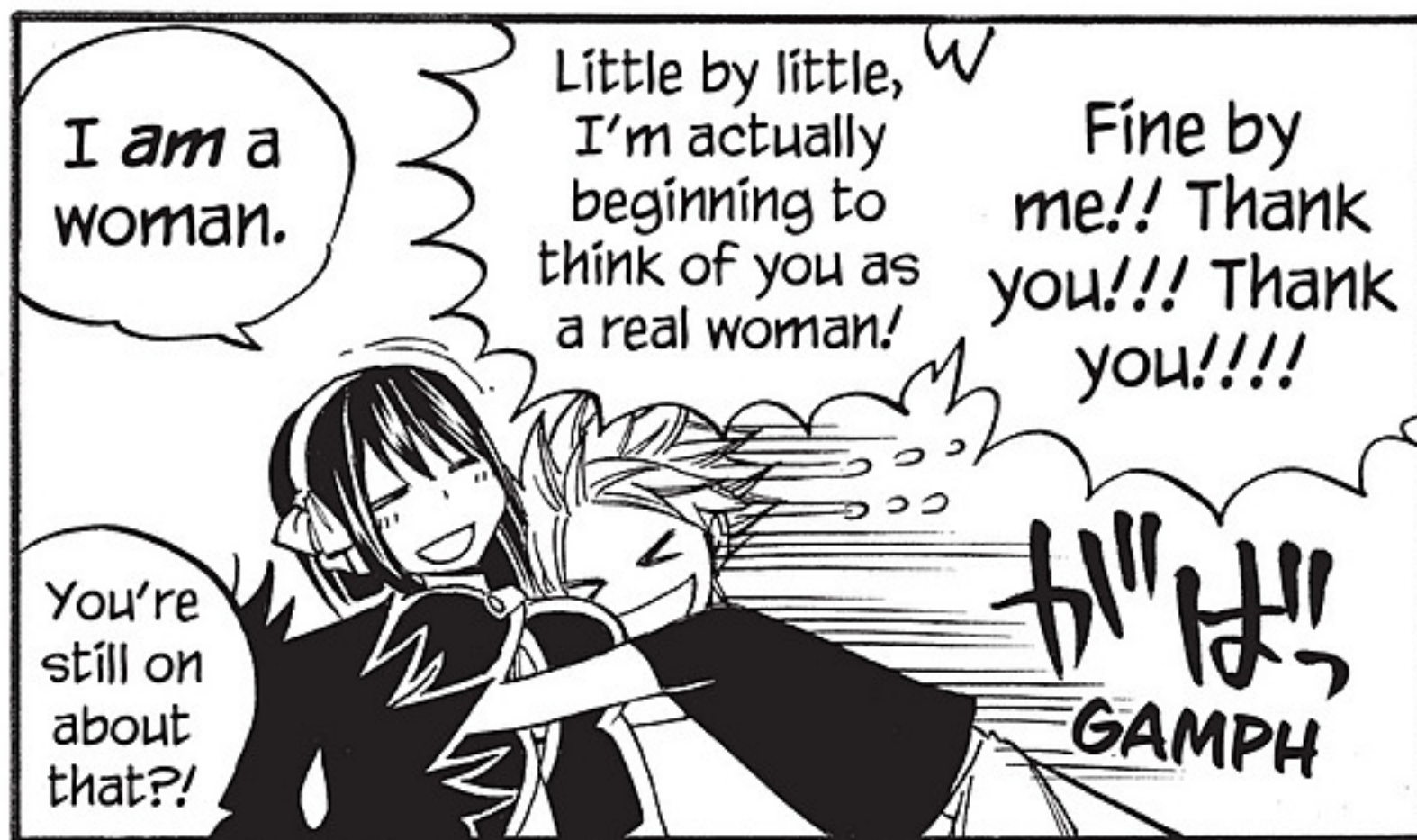


I don't get it at all!!

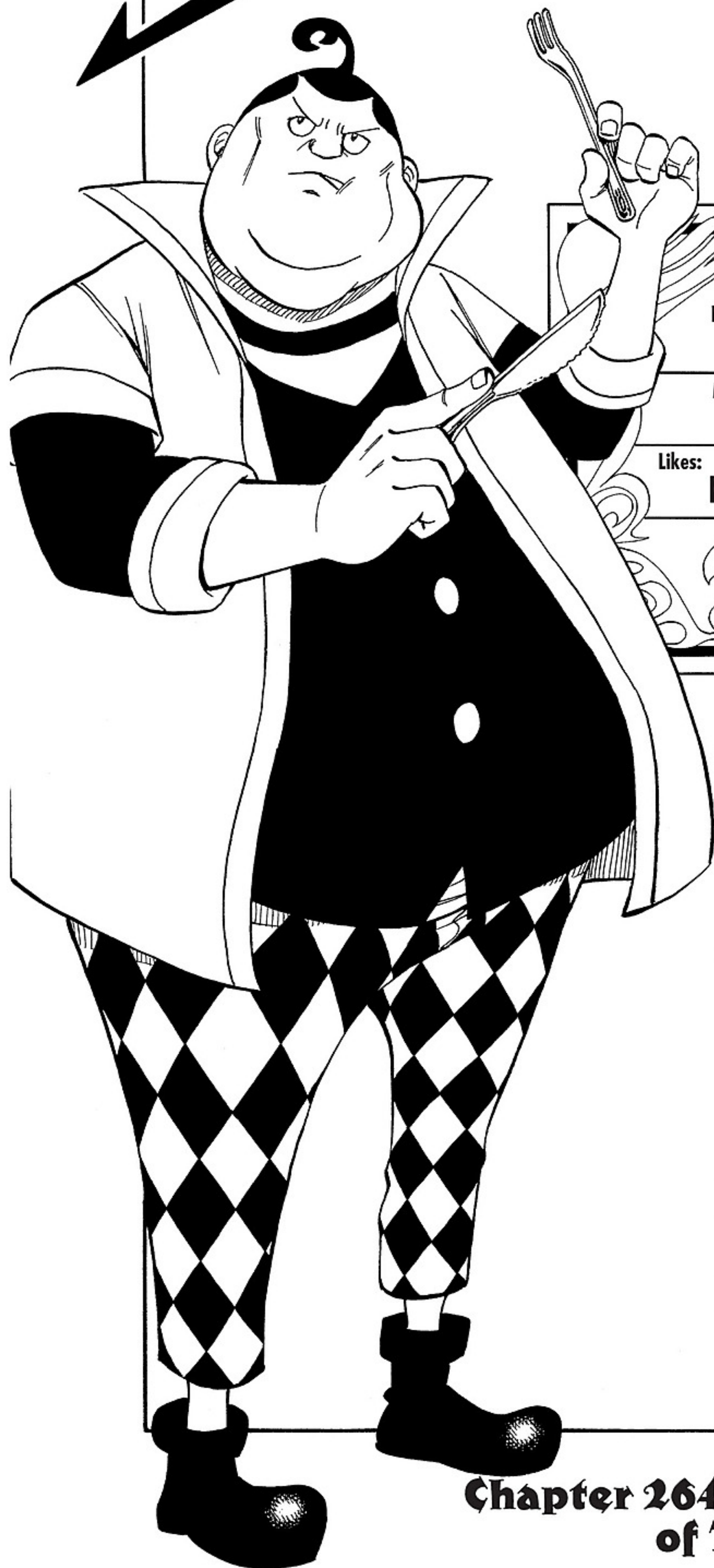
In other words, it will allow you to use your magic for a longer period of time, or use stronger magics you couldn't before.



My Arc of Time speeds up the development of that vessel, making it so you can use your second origin.



FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL

Name: **Droy**

Age: **25**

Magic: **Plant**

Likes: **Food**

Dislikes: **Spiders**

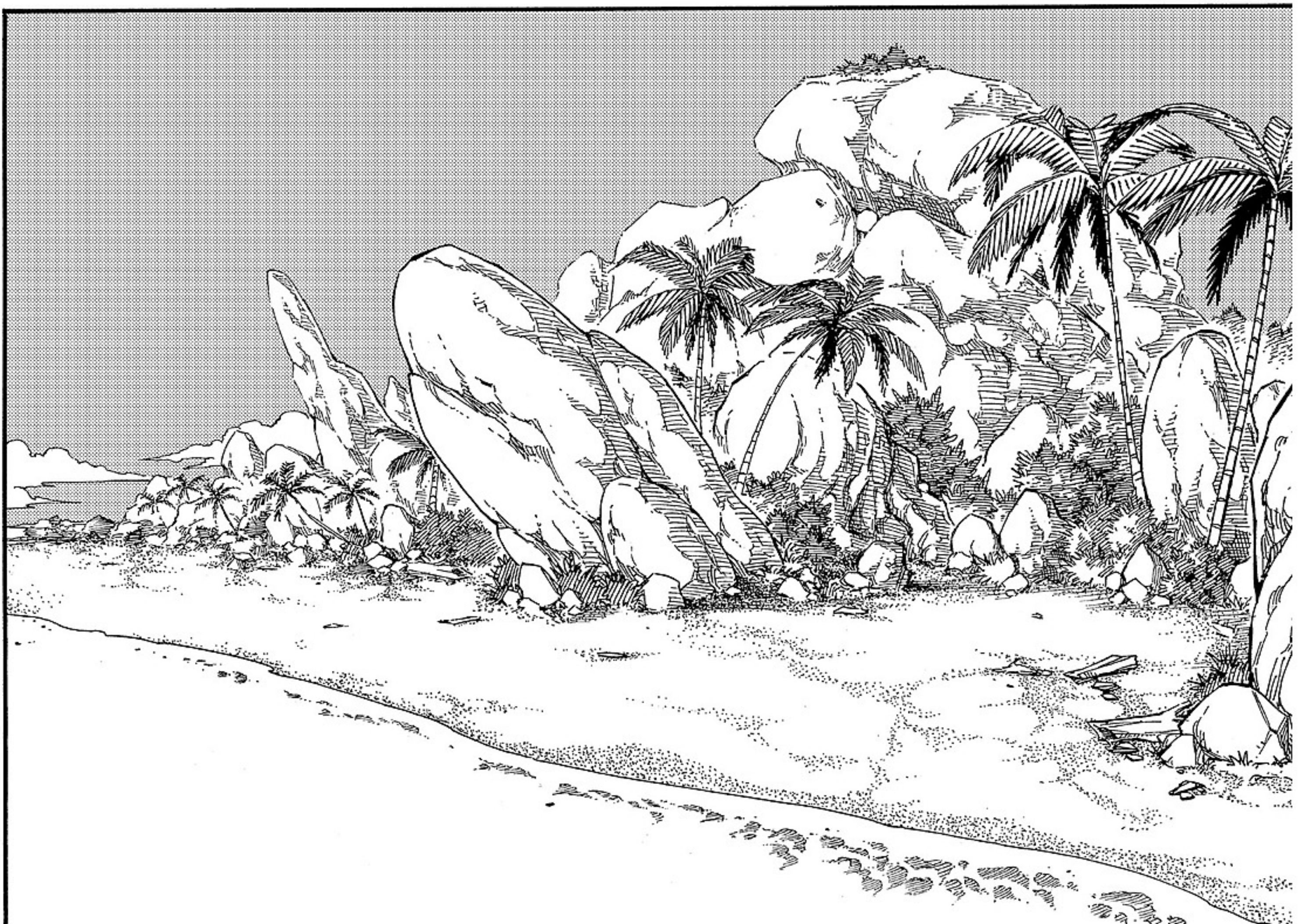
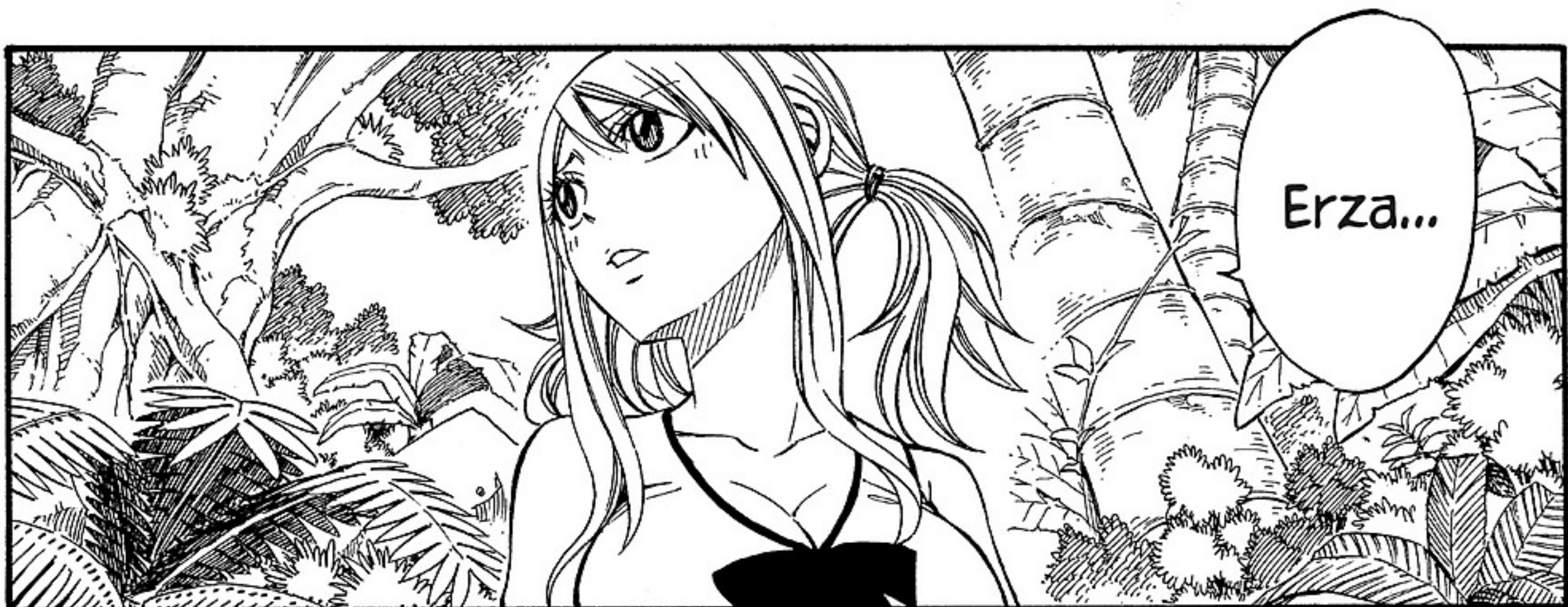
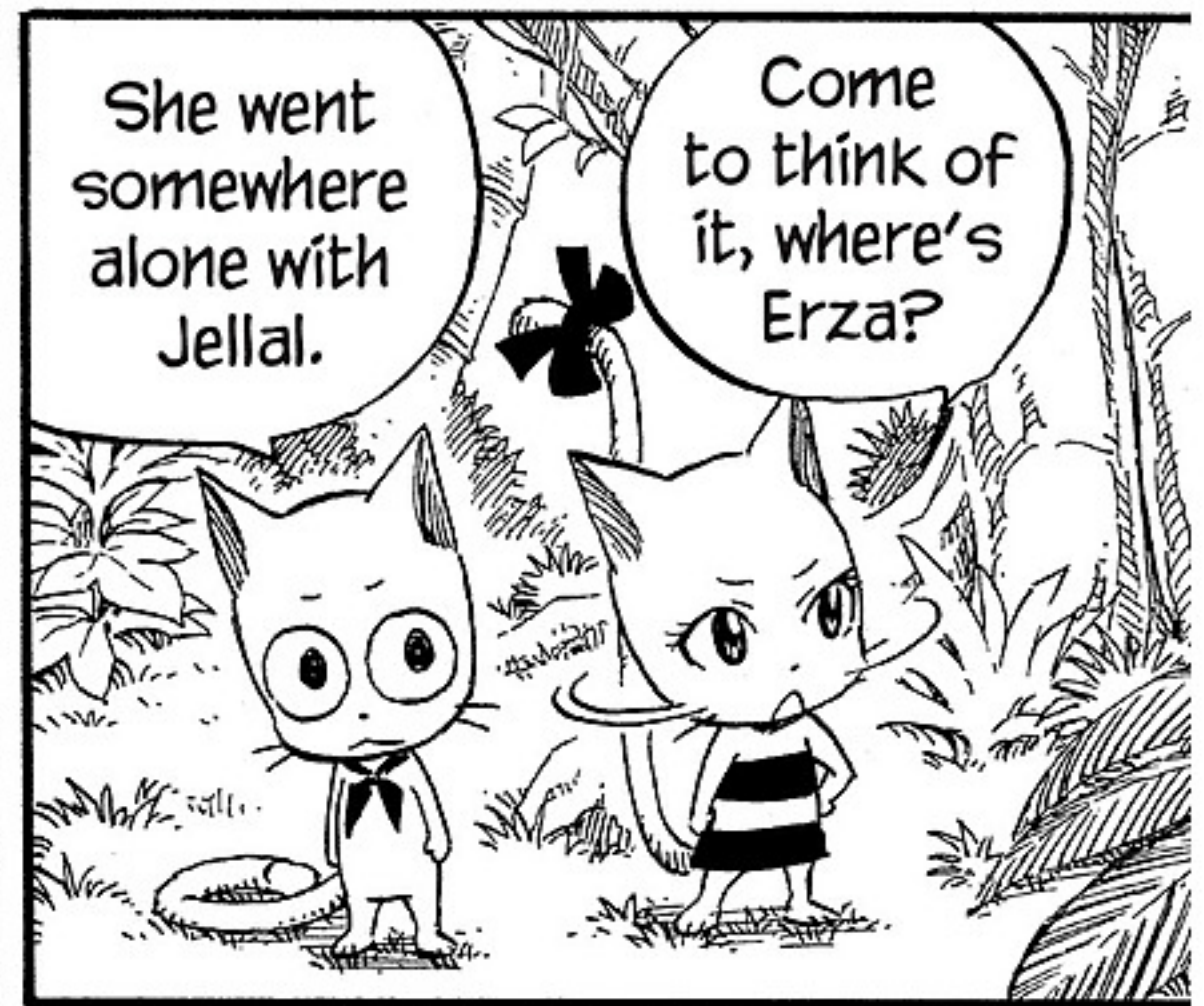
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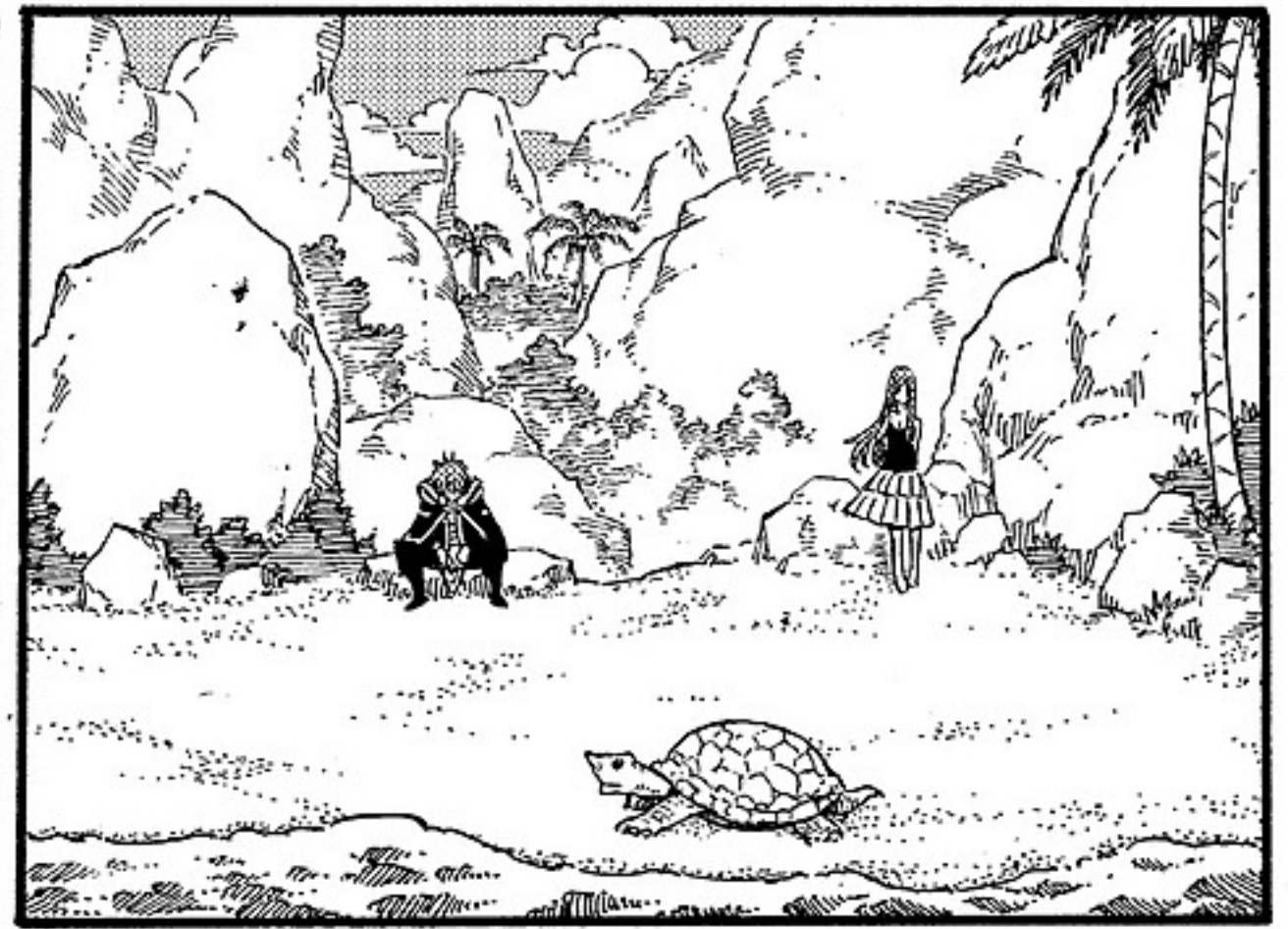
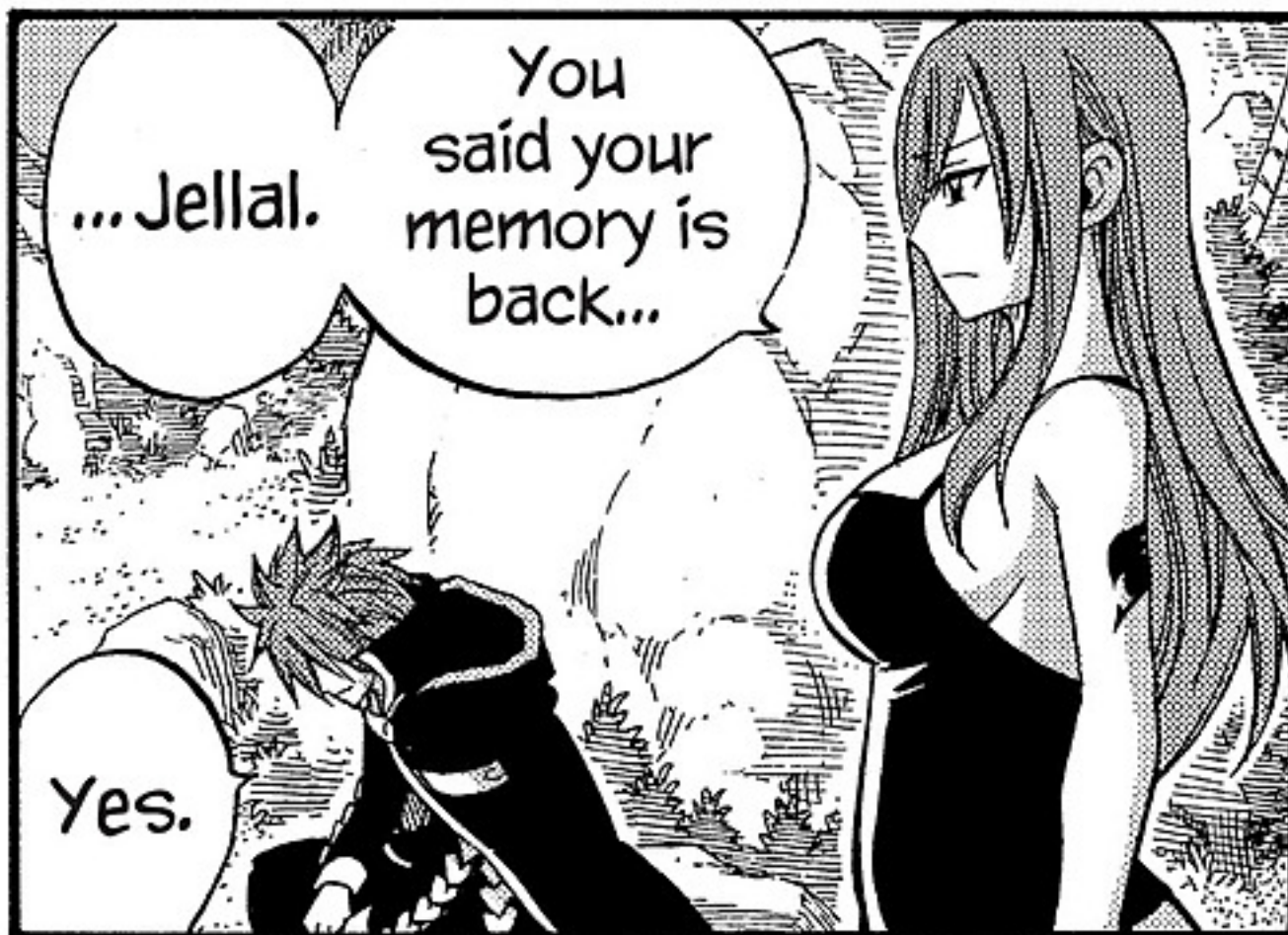
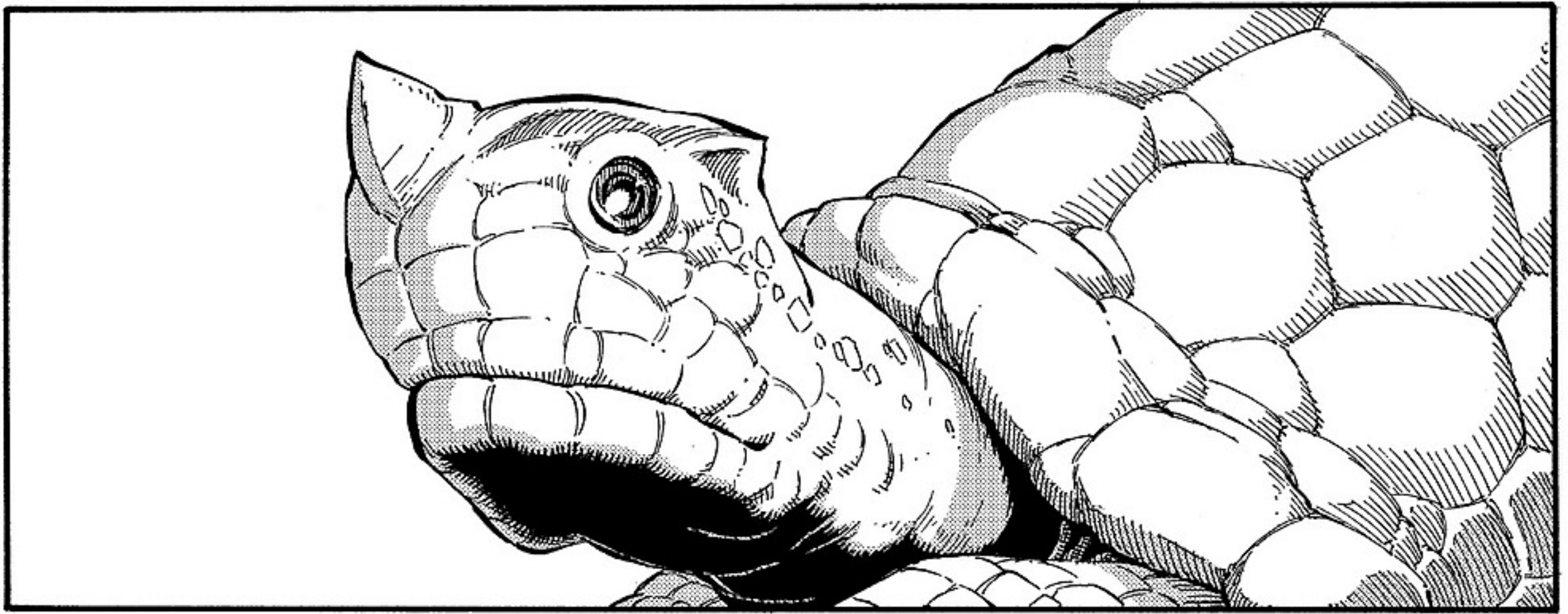
Seven years ago, he was a thin wizard, but he awakened his love of food, and his body type changed before anybody noticed. During the period when his partner Jet had his girlfriends, he would try to act strong, saying, "Steak is my love interest!" to everyone who would listen. But his frustration resulted only in more weight gain. He fell in love a number of times, but when he tried to ask them out, they would always reject him. Now that Levy is back, his old feelings for her have returned, but he's also noticed that Levy may have fallen for Gajeel, and seeing that has resulted only in more weight gain.

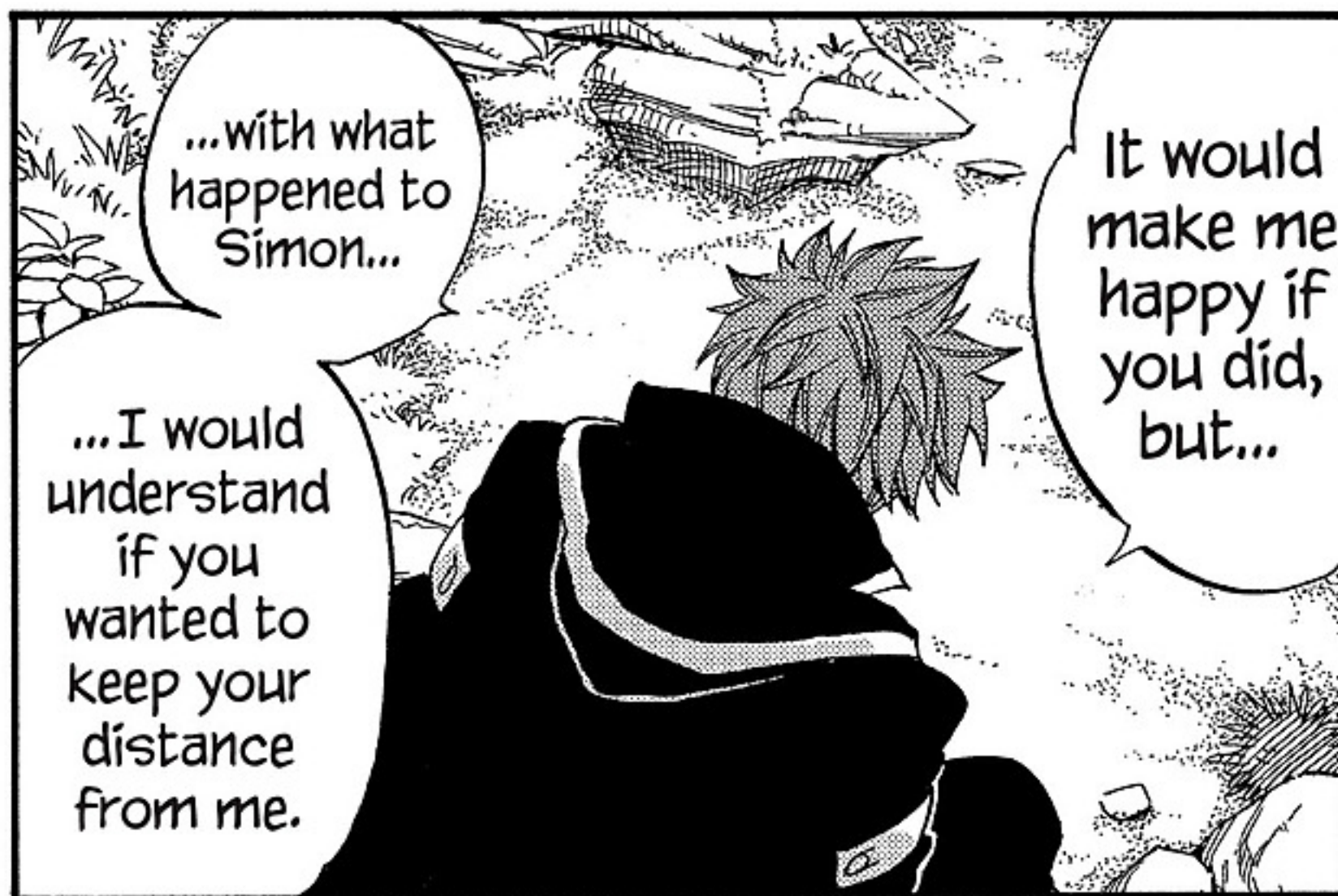
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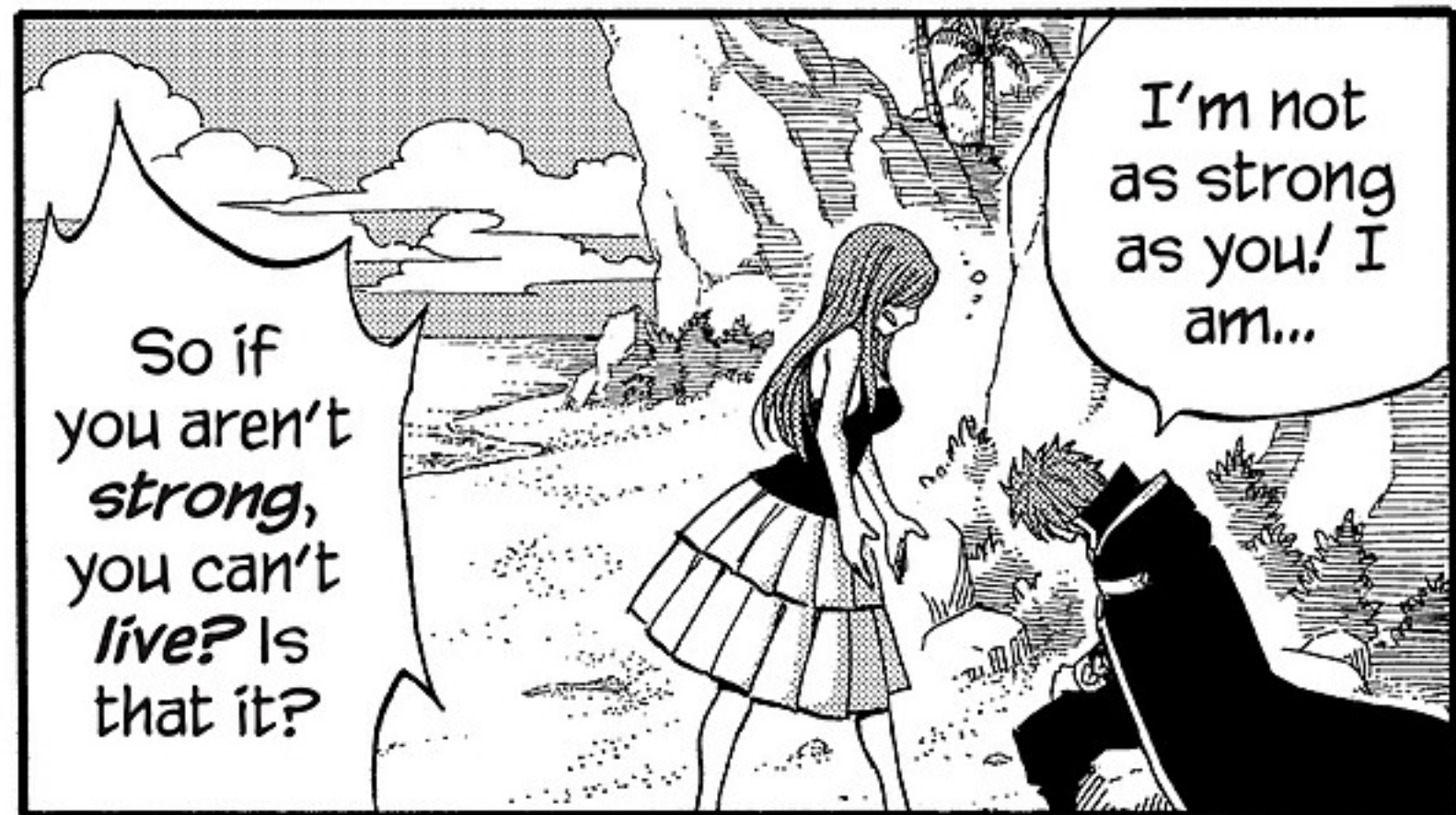
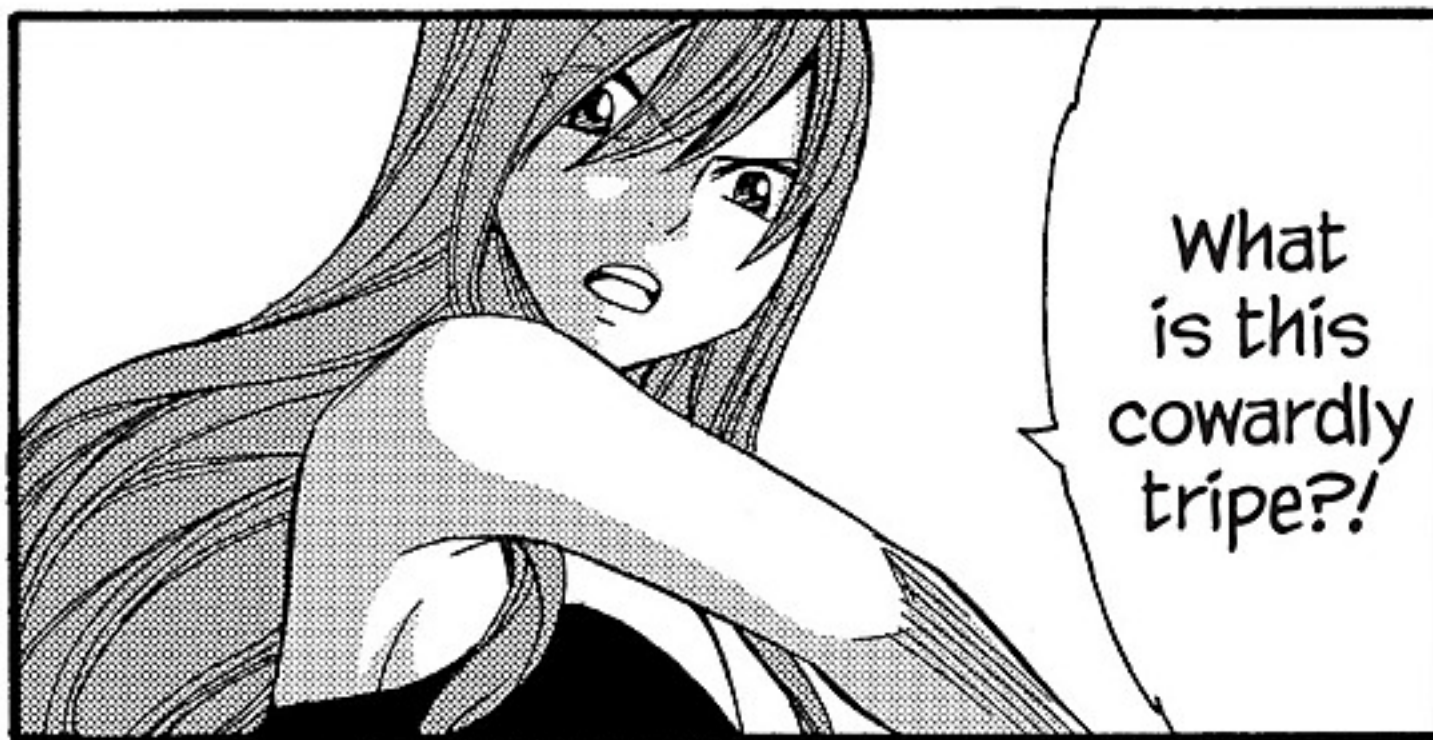
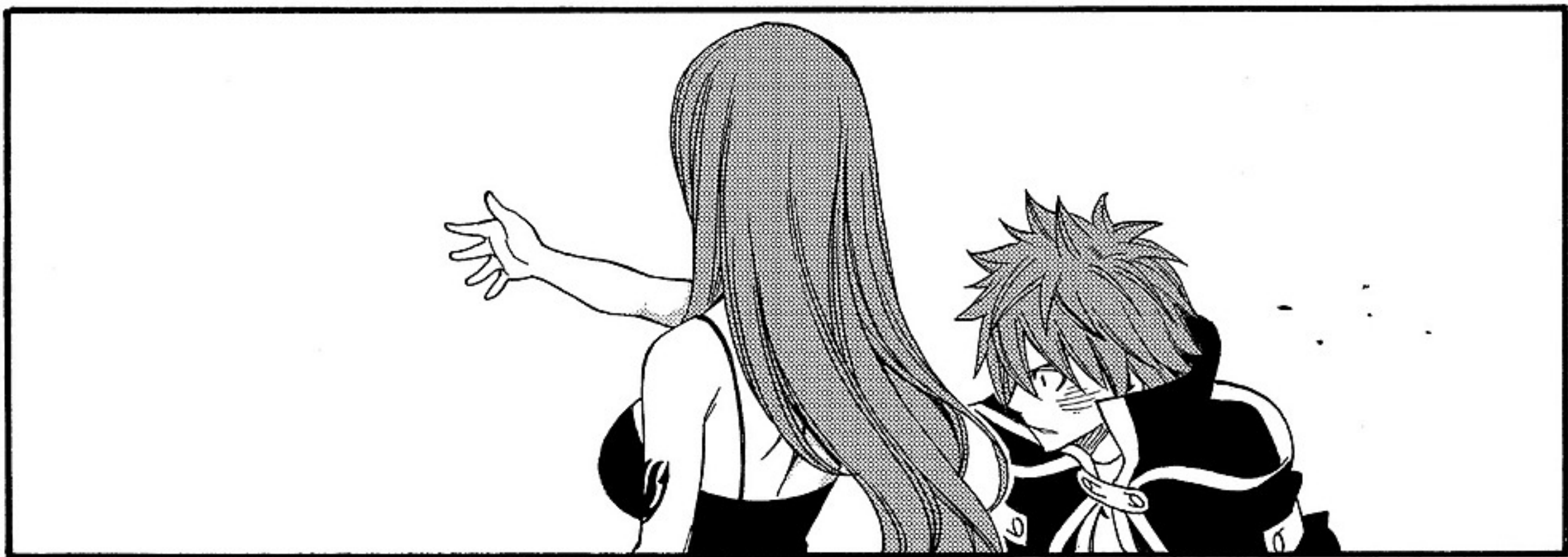


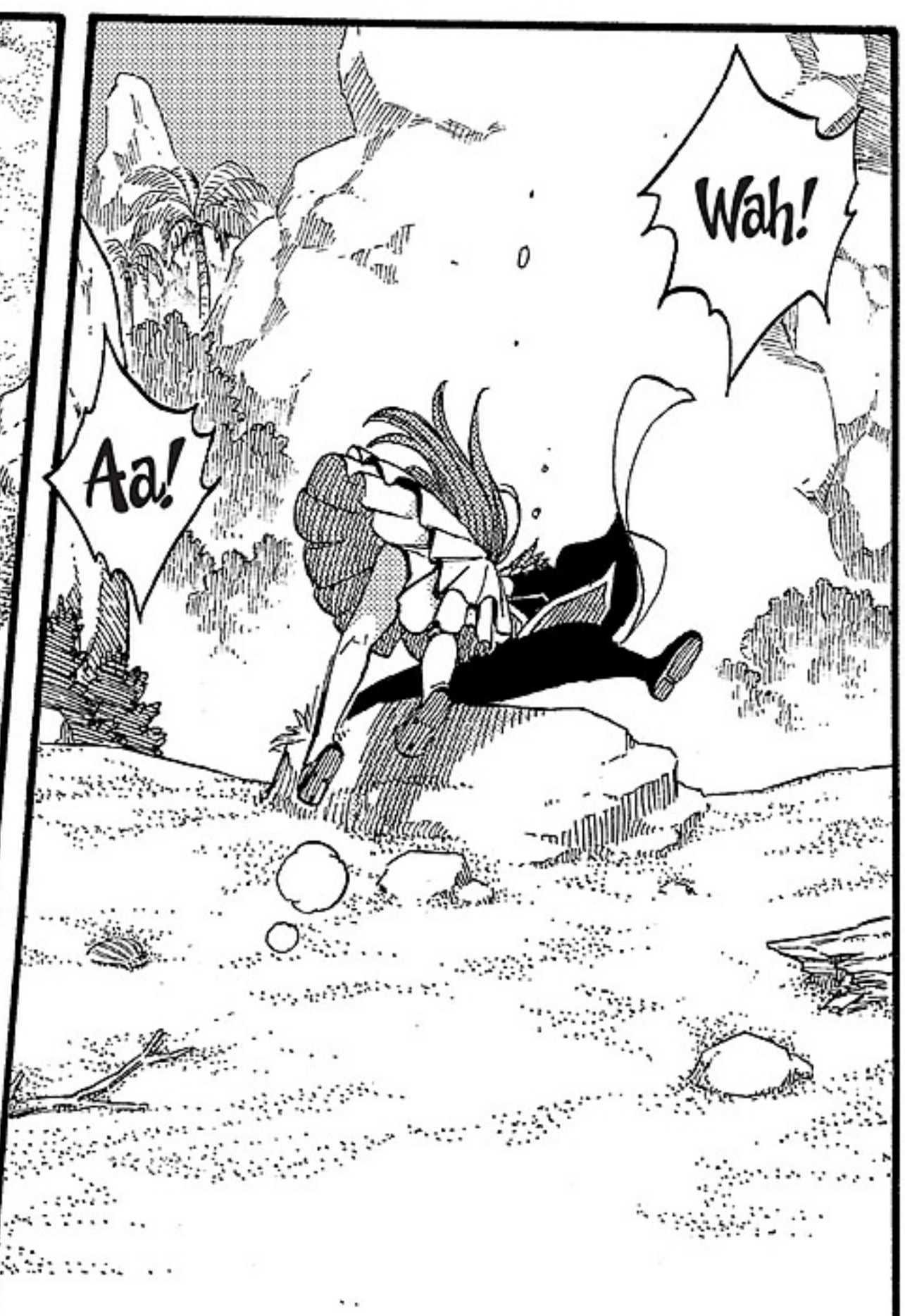
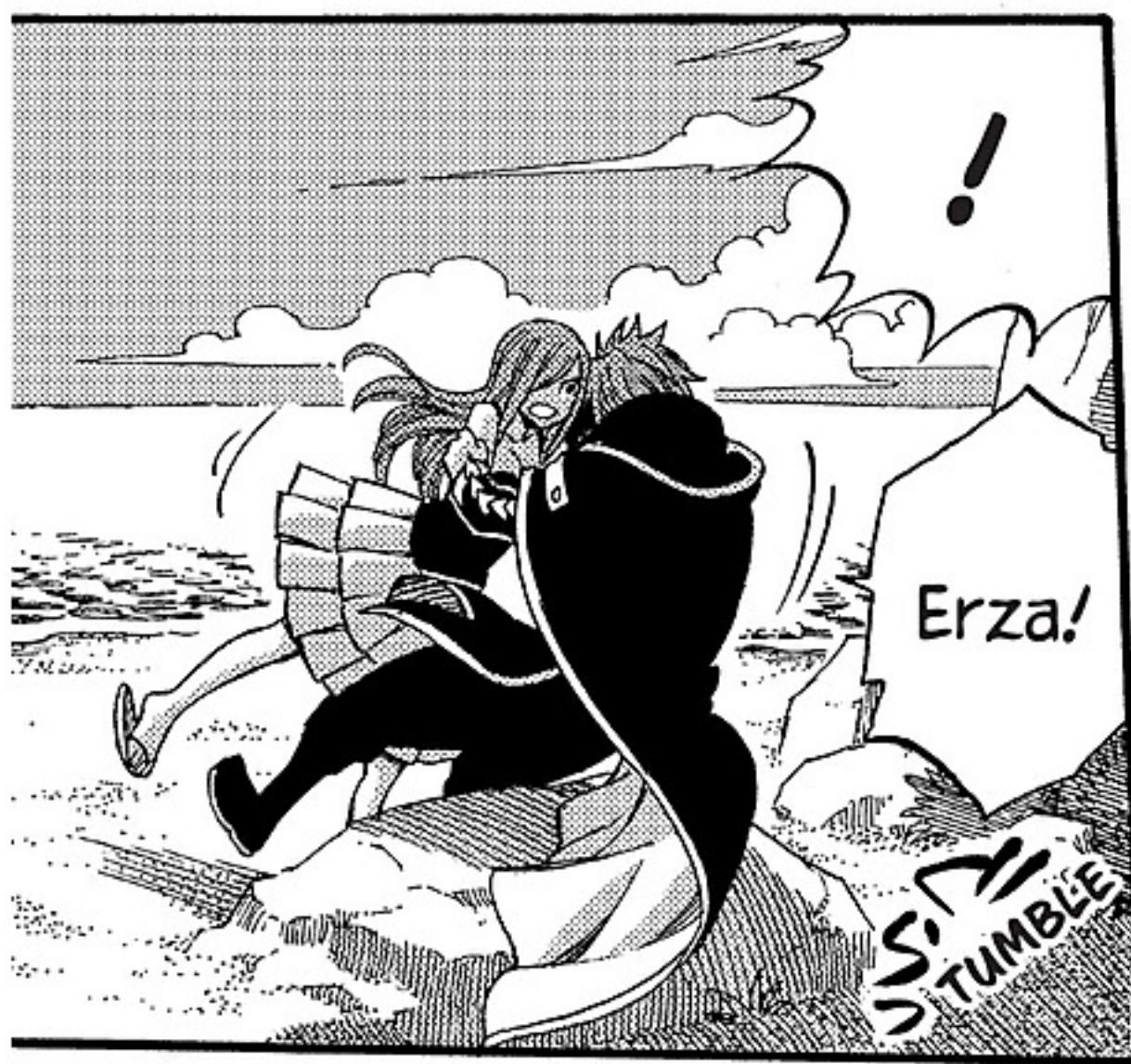


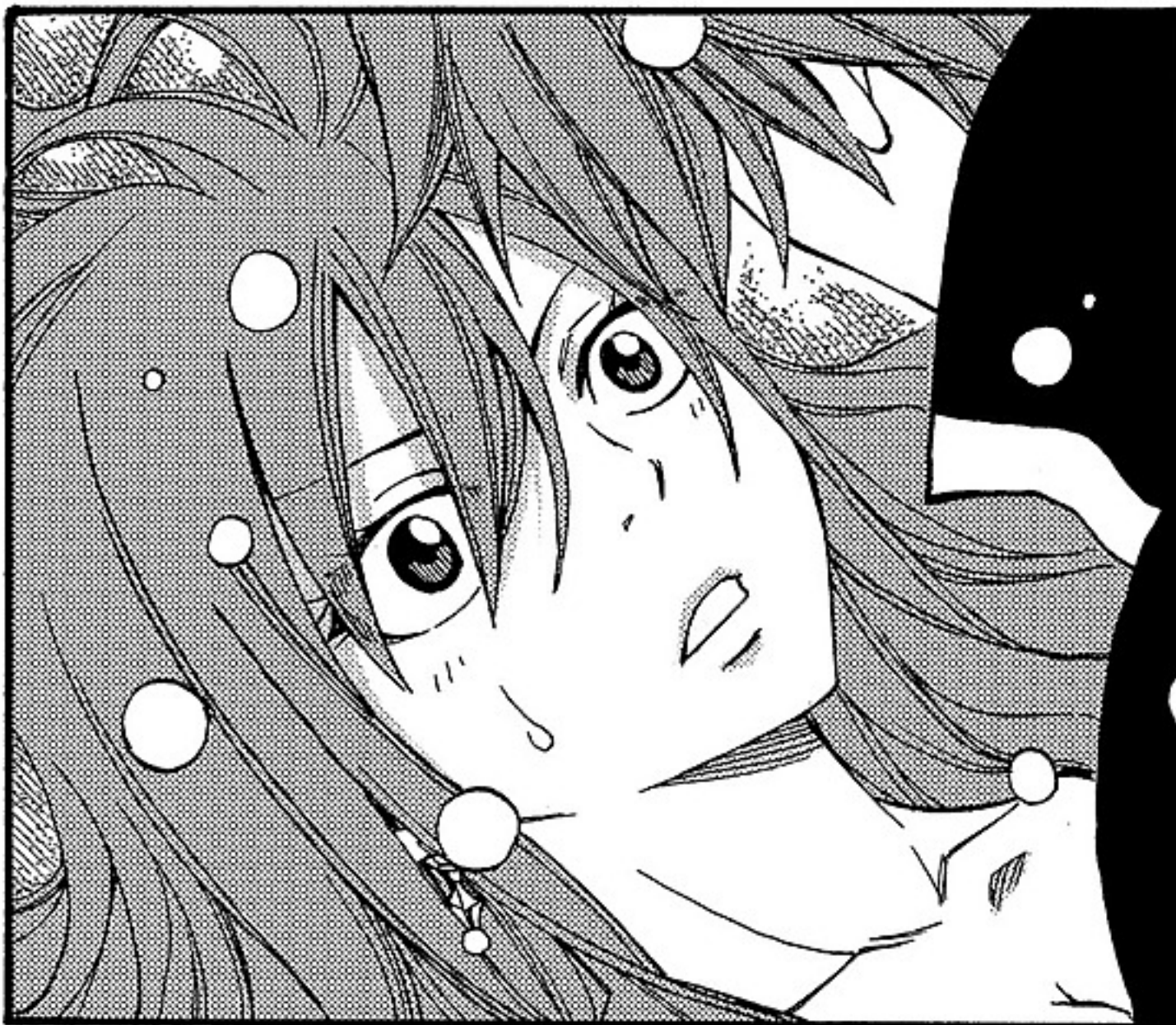


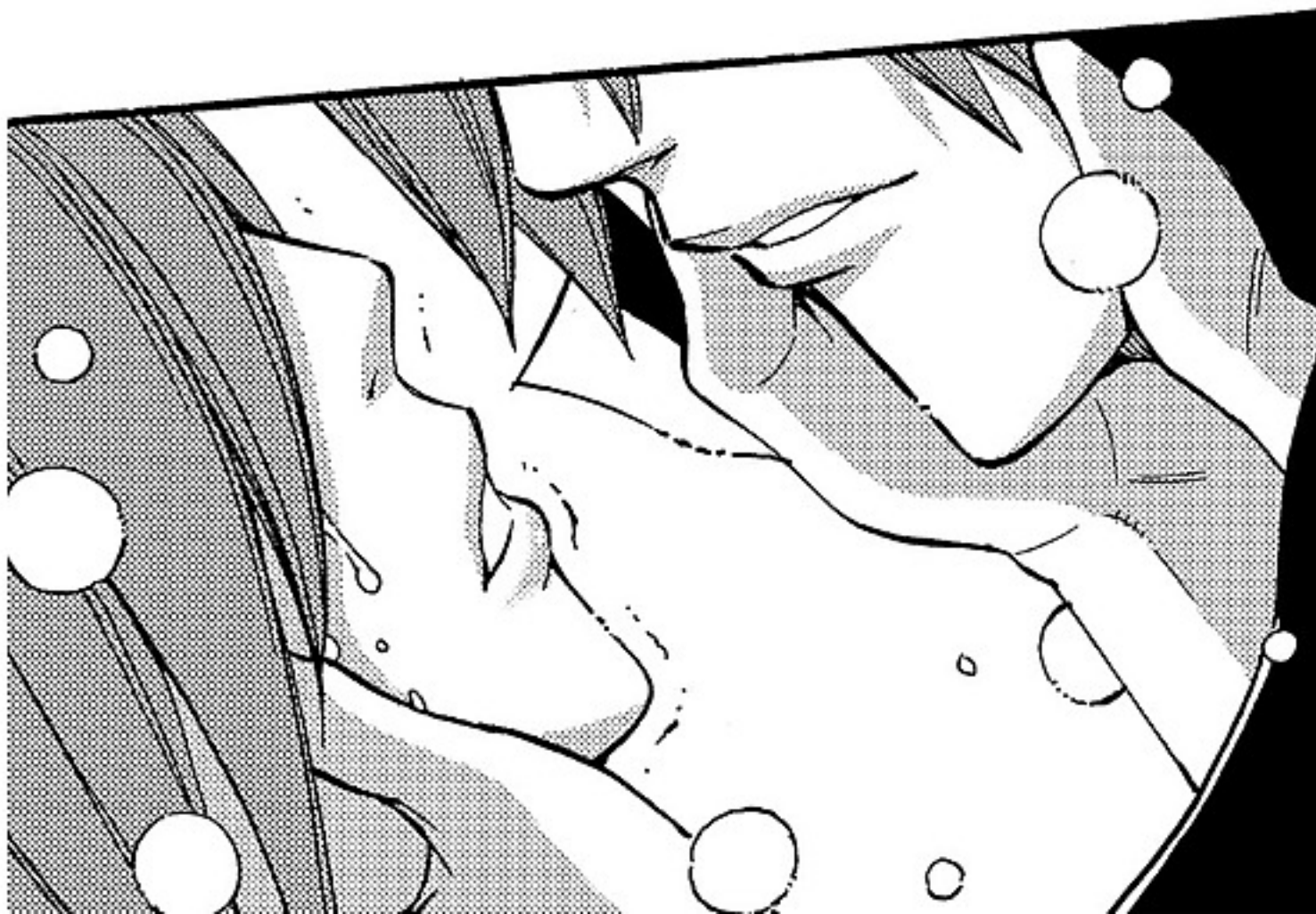
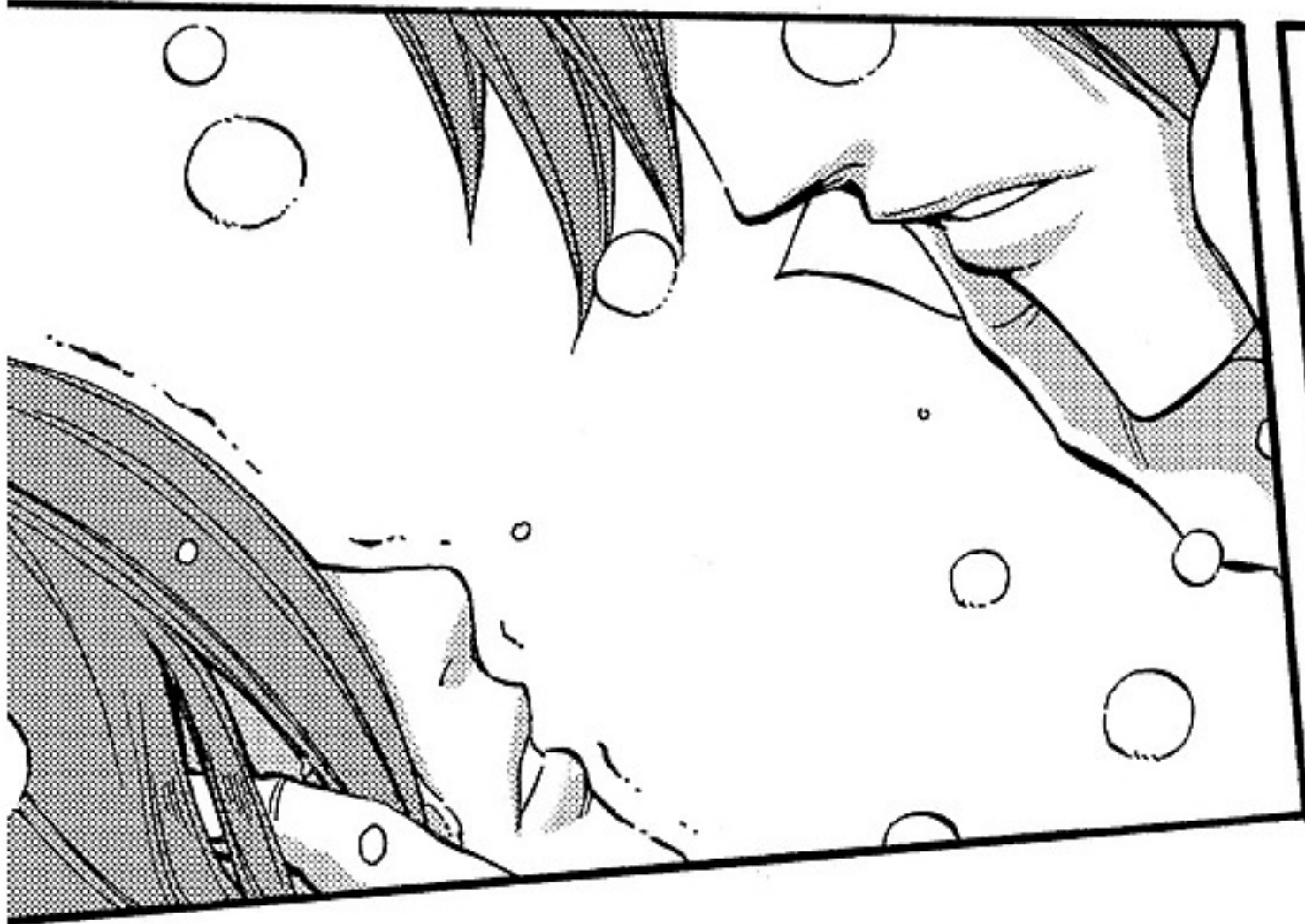
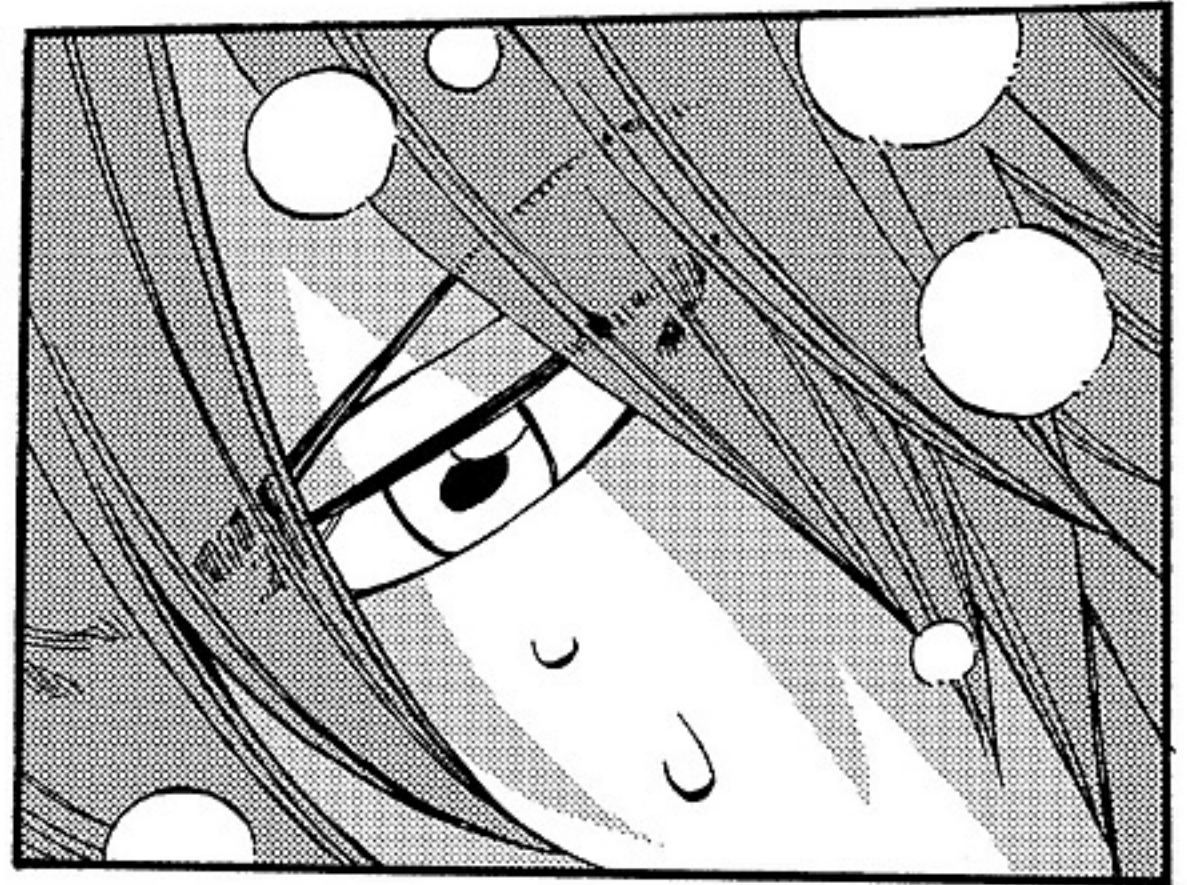
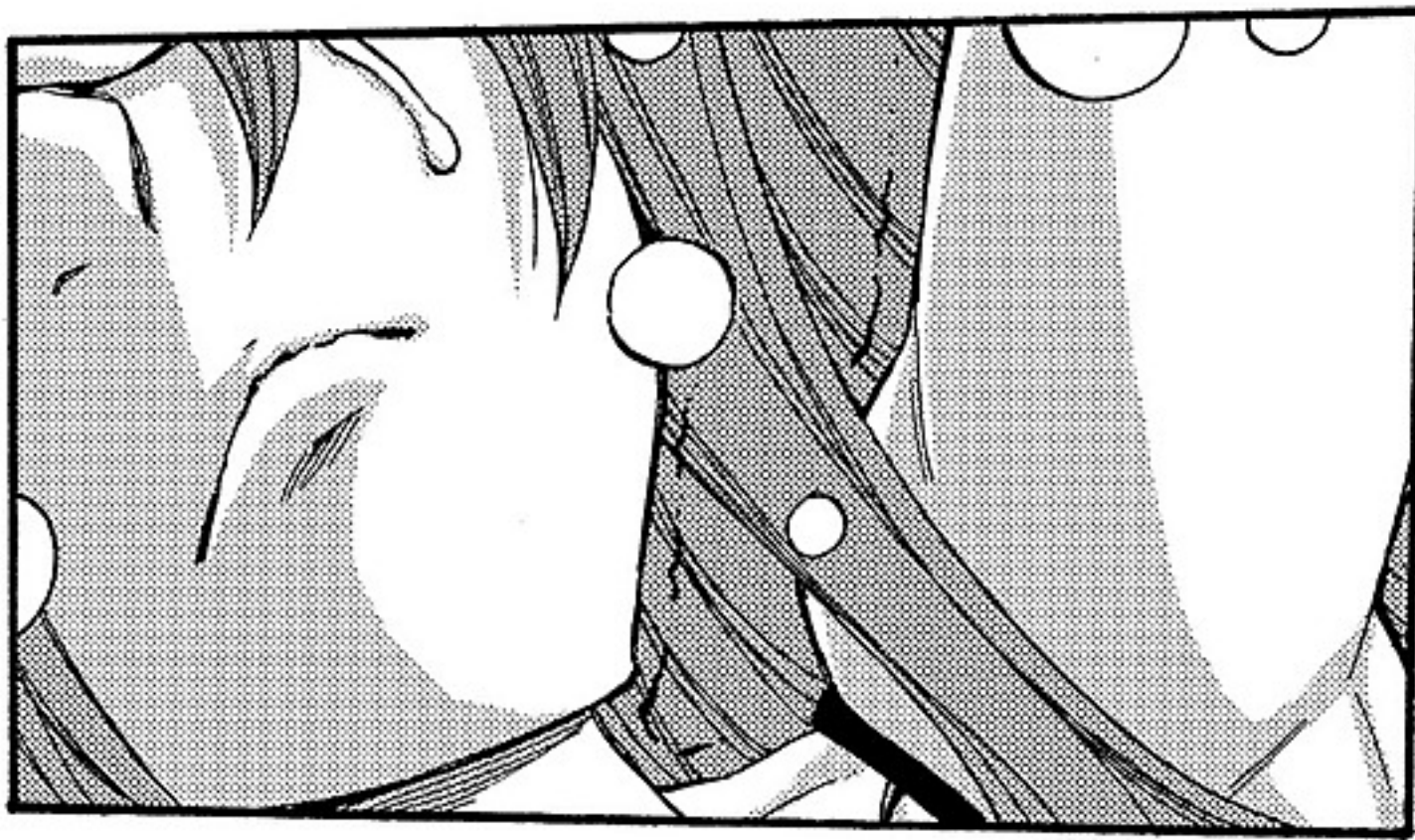


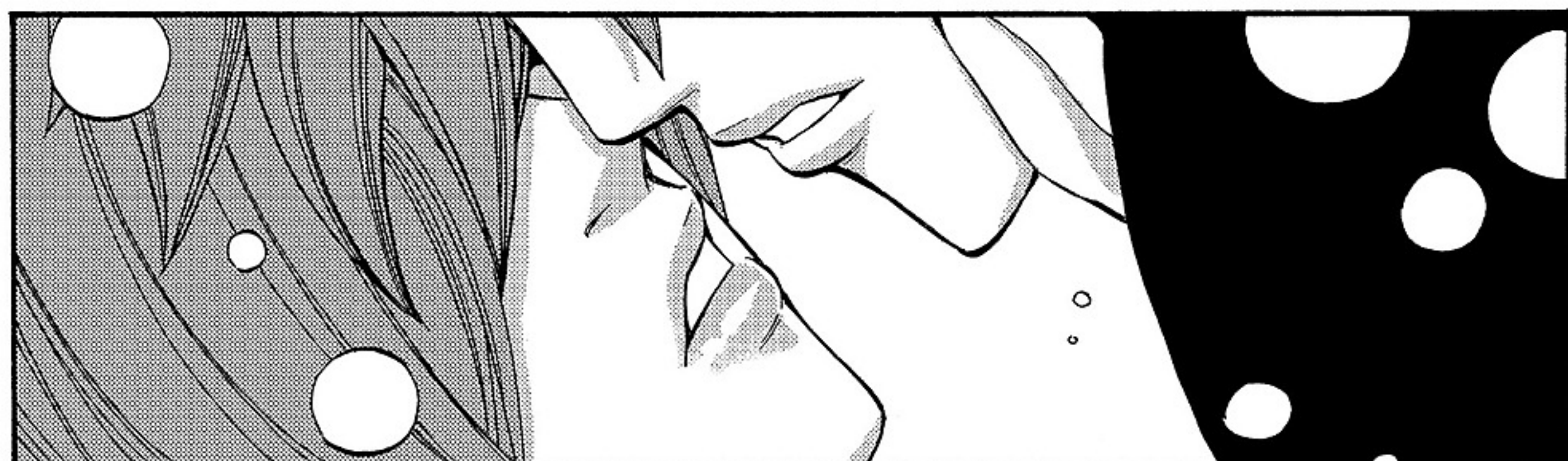
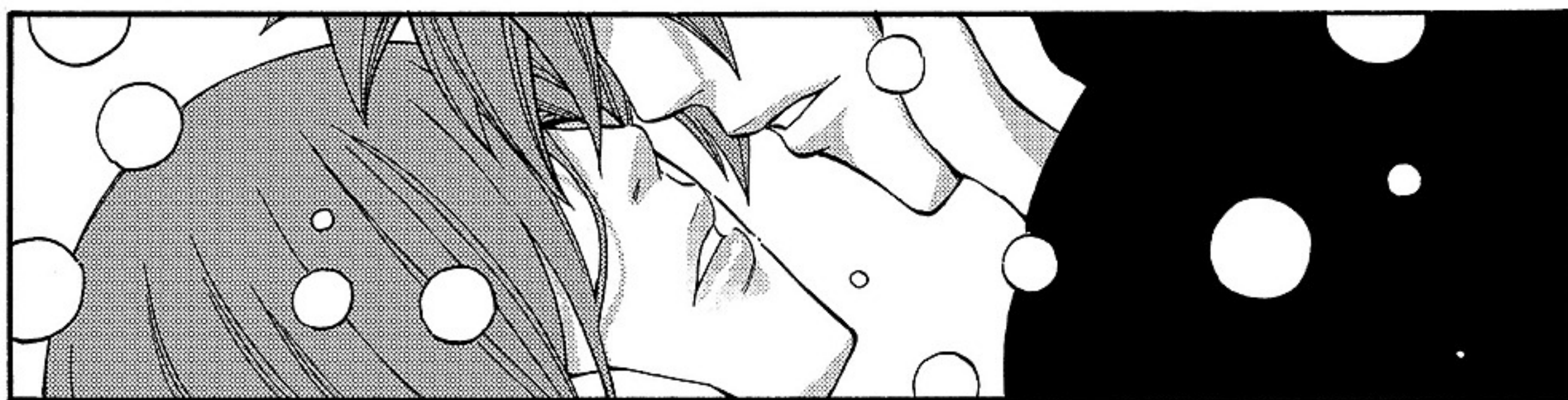


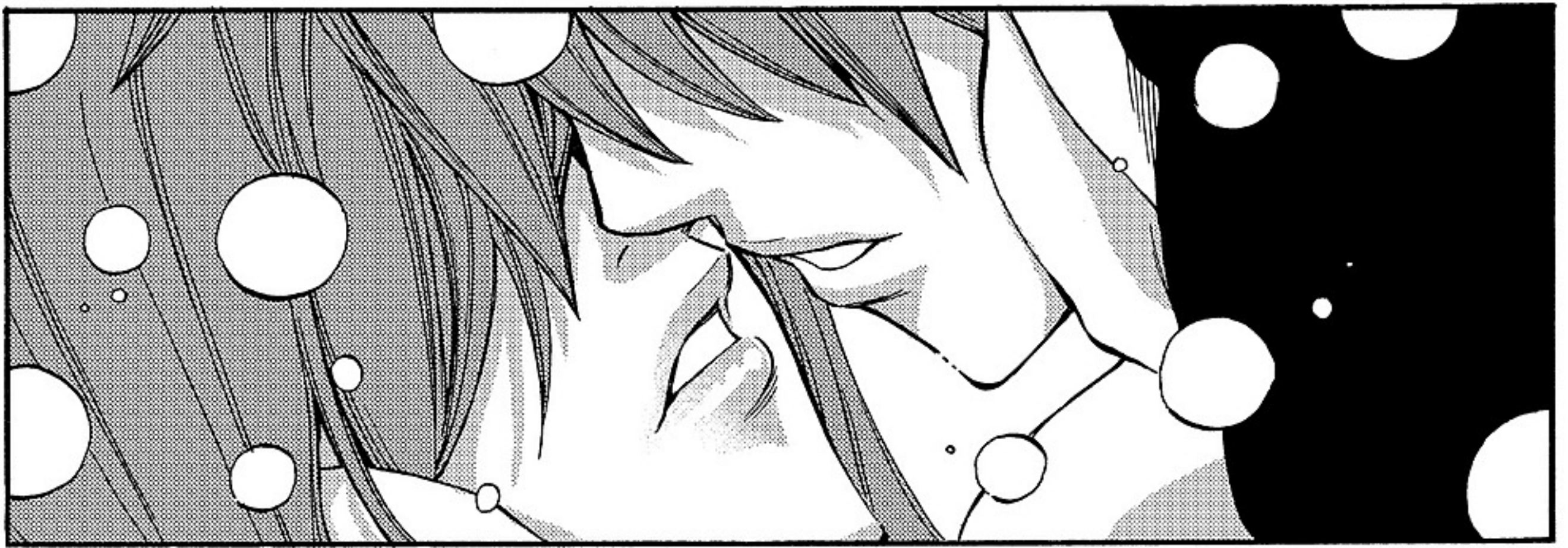
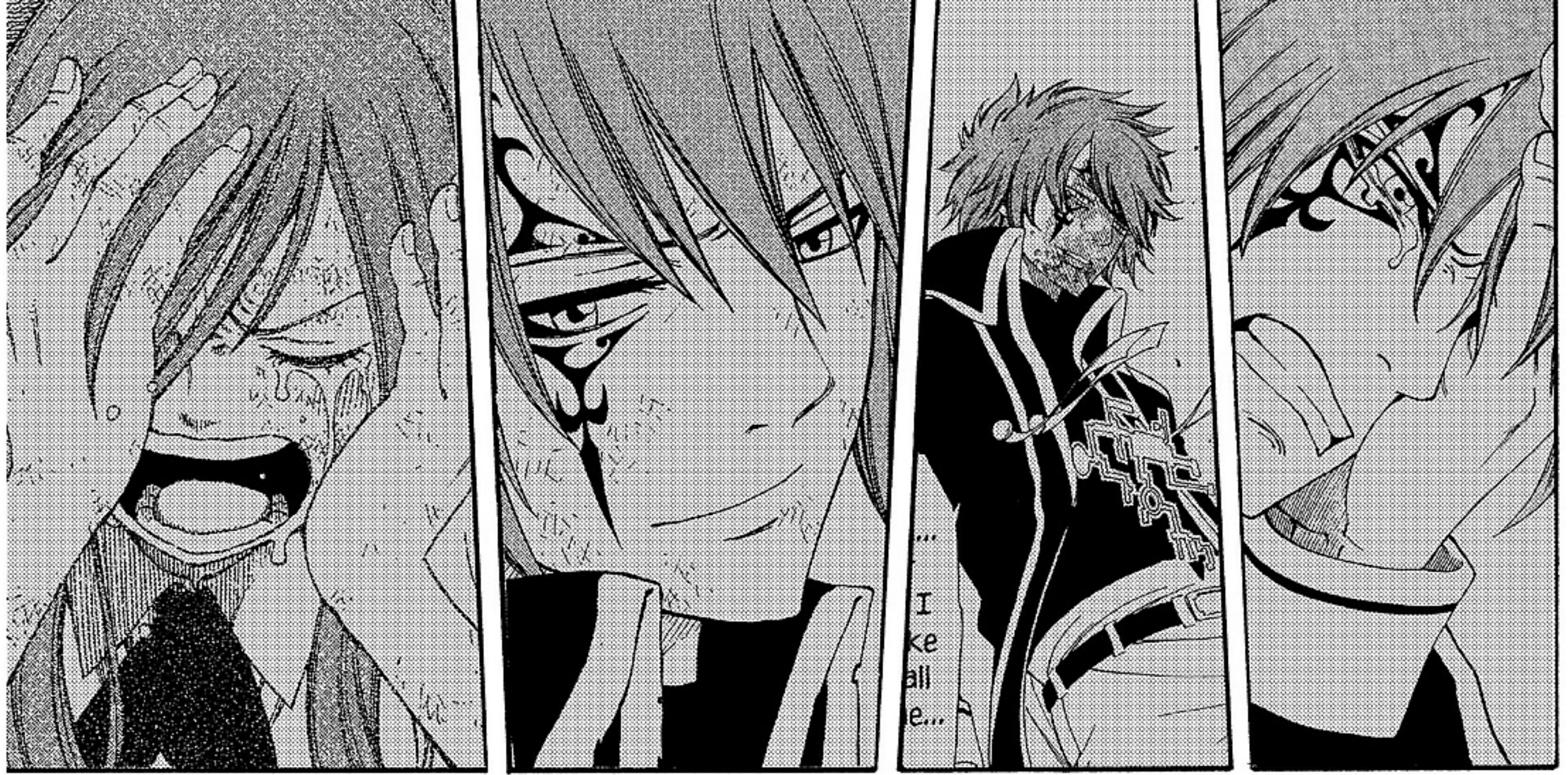


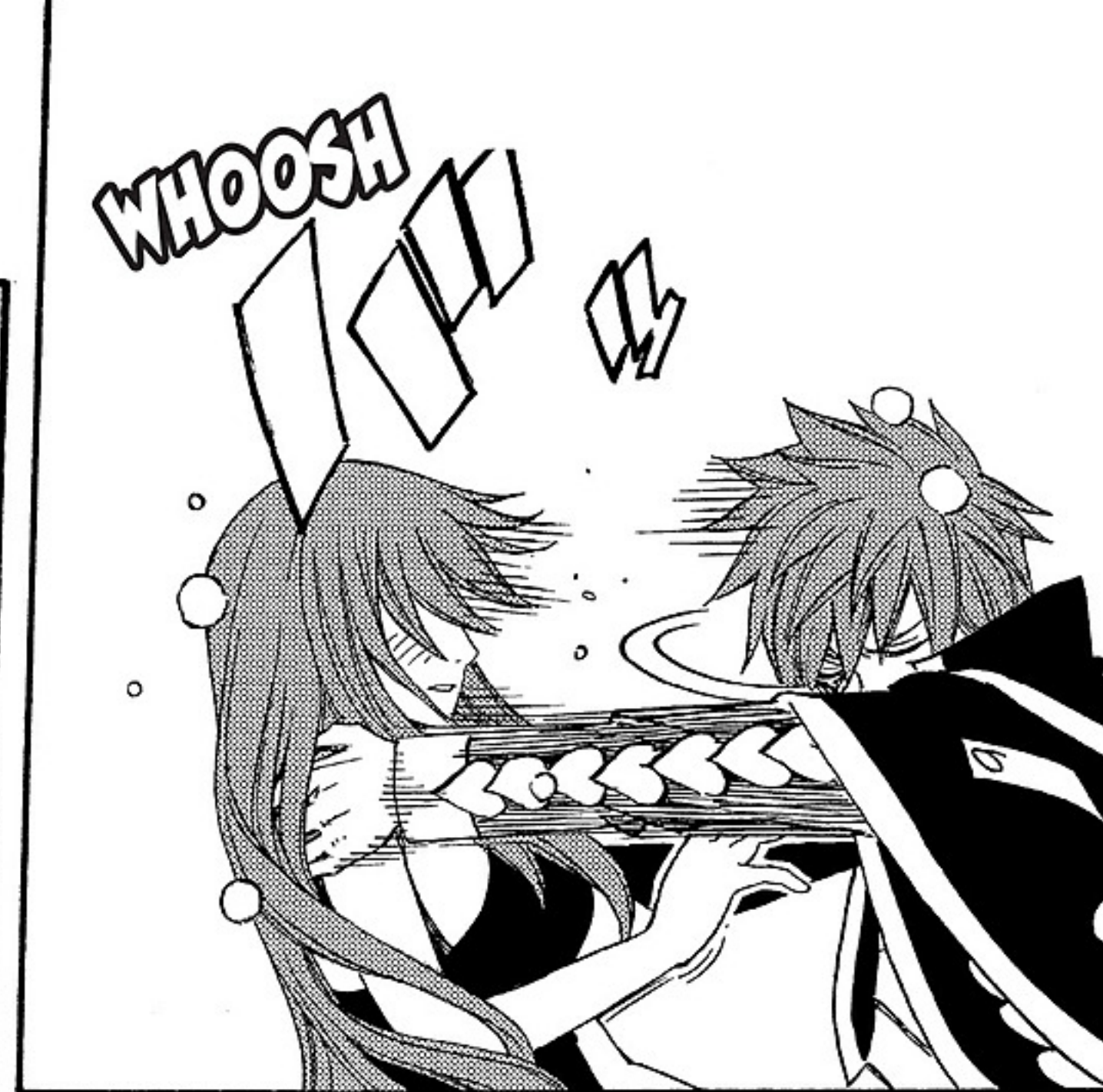


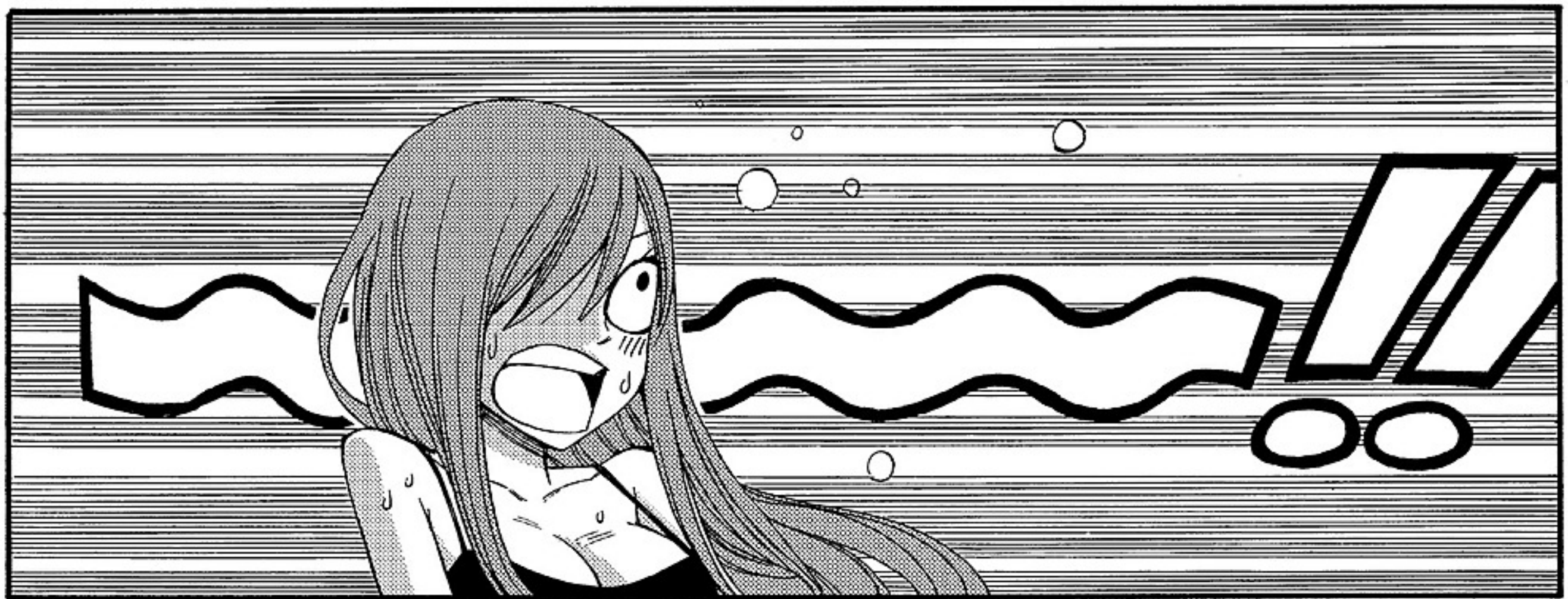


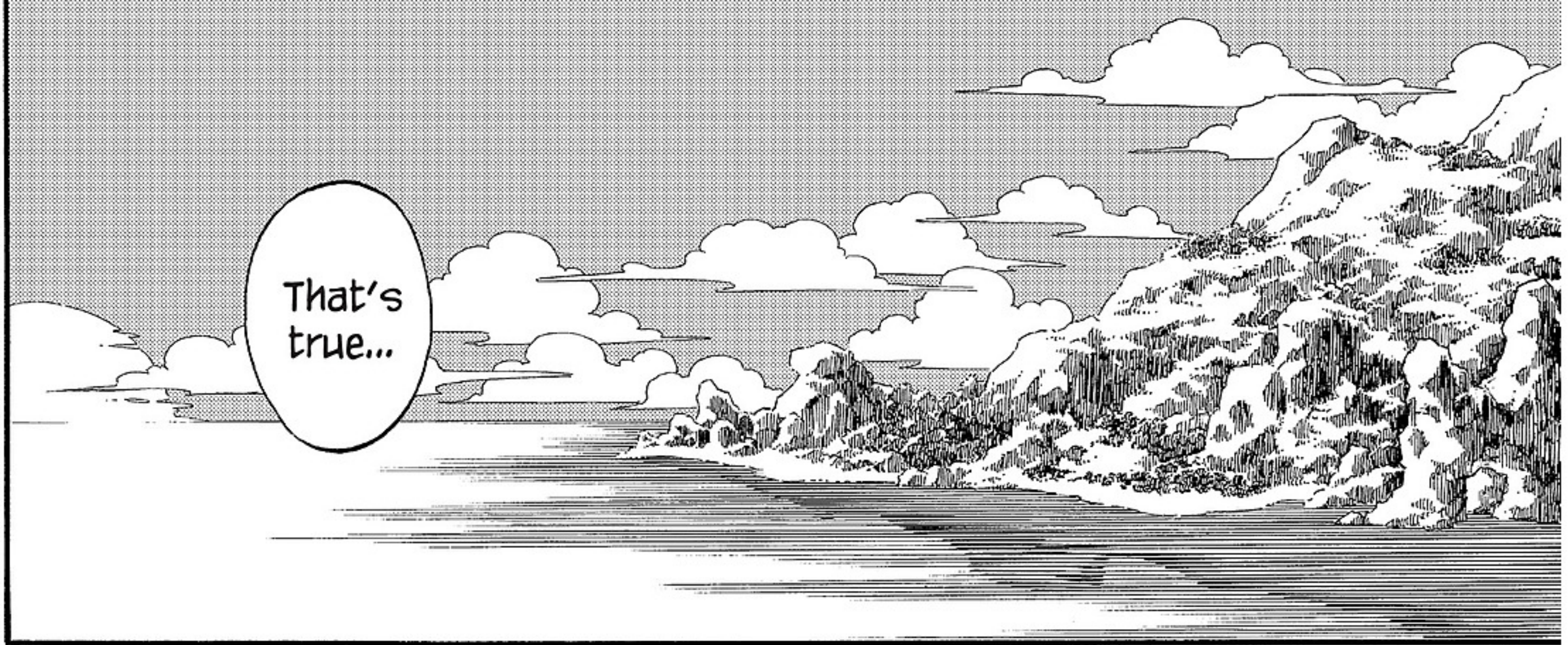












That's true...



Why are *you* doing just fine?

They will not be able to move anytime soon, thanks to you.

Uhhh...

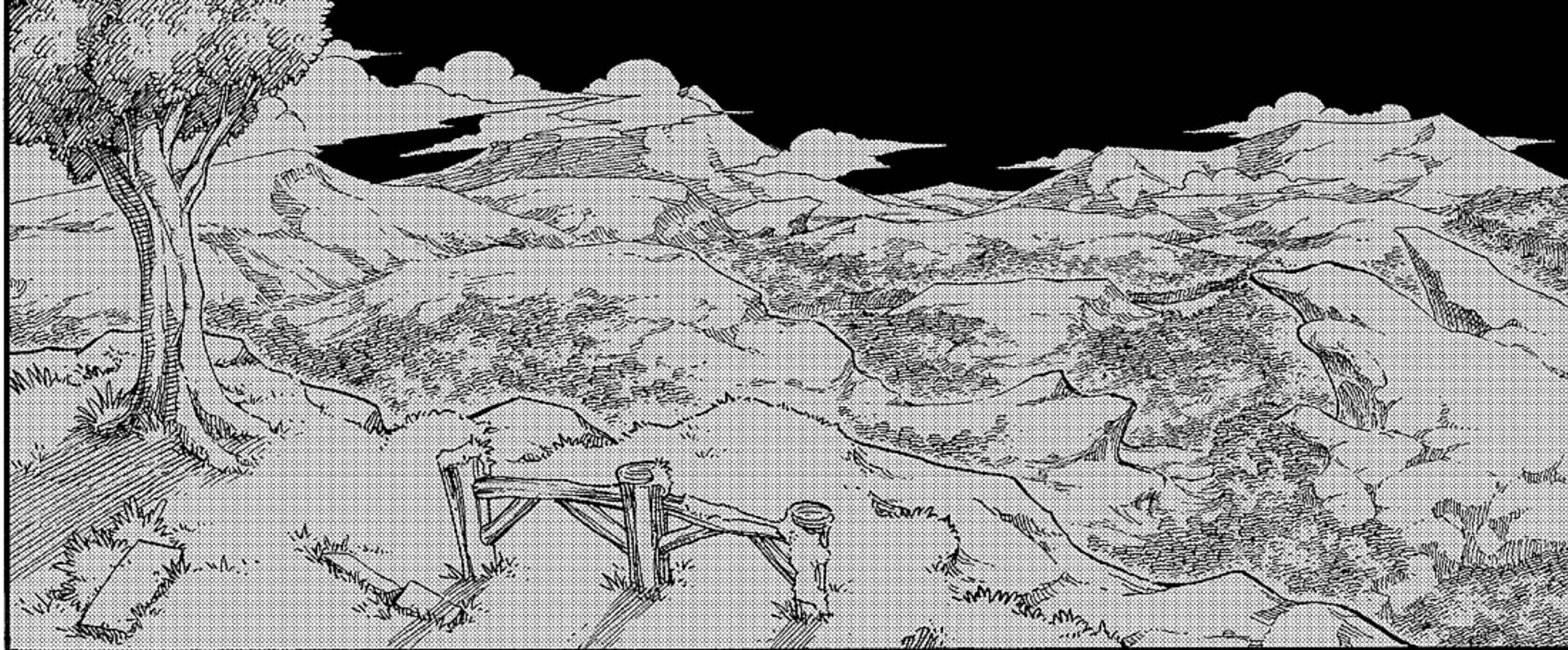
Aaaa...

Ohh...

Oh...

AAAAA!!

SYAAAAH!!





Or
are you
punishing
yourself?

You can
afford to
be a little
nicer to
yourself.



...

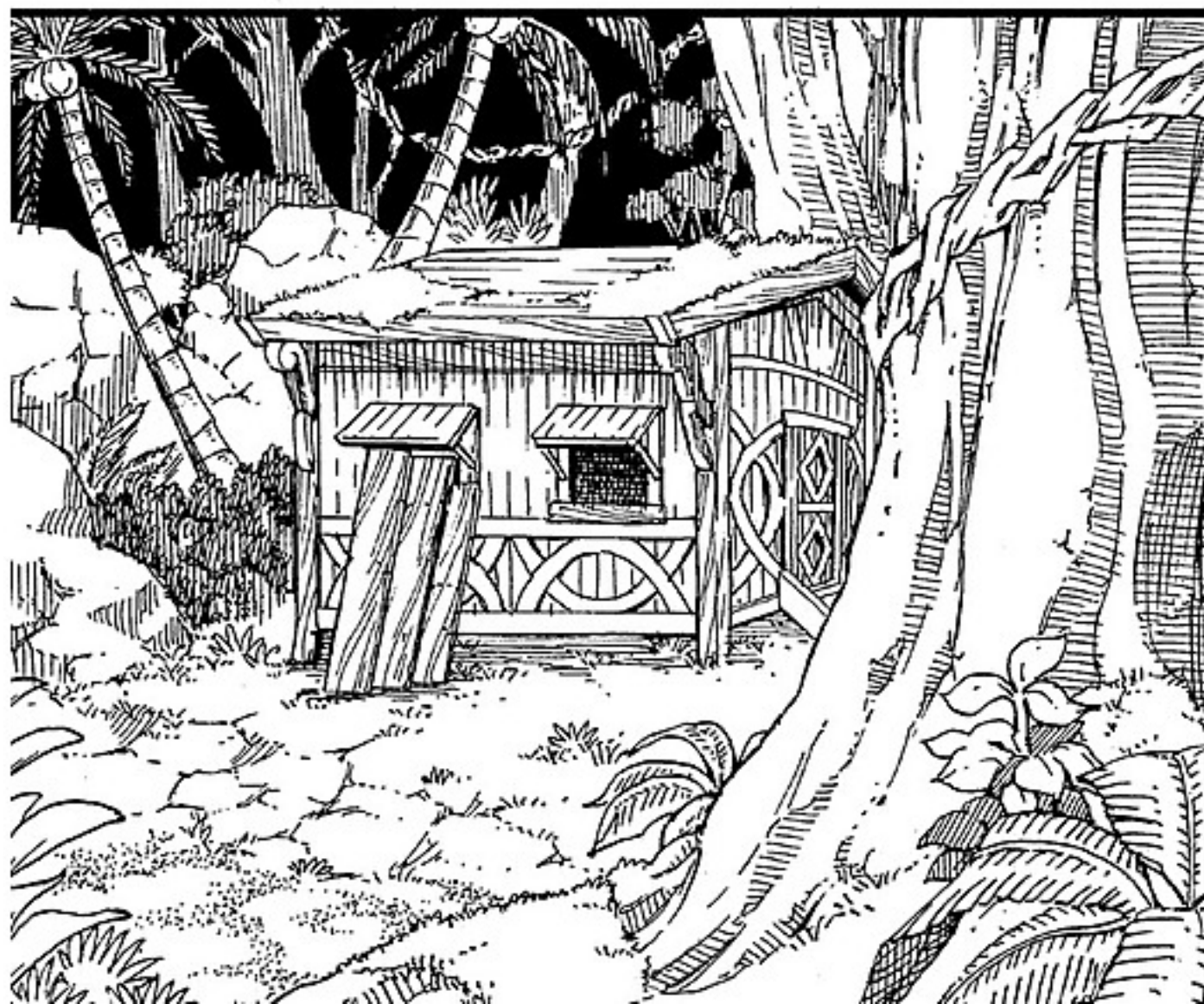


It's
forbidden for
us to fall in love
with those who
travel the path
of light.

All I wish
for is Erza's
happiness.

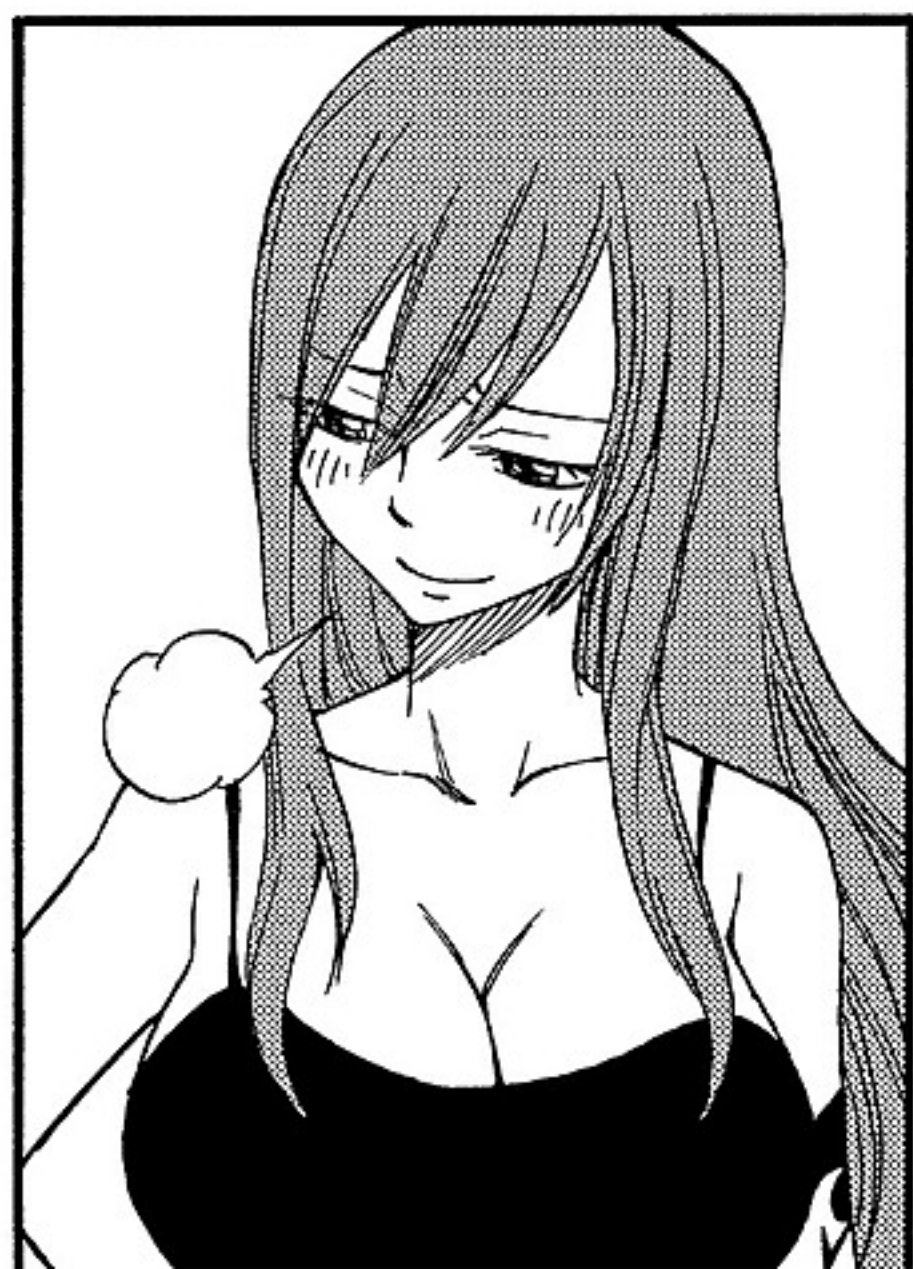
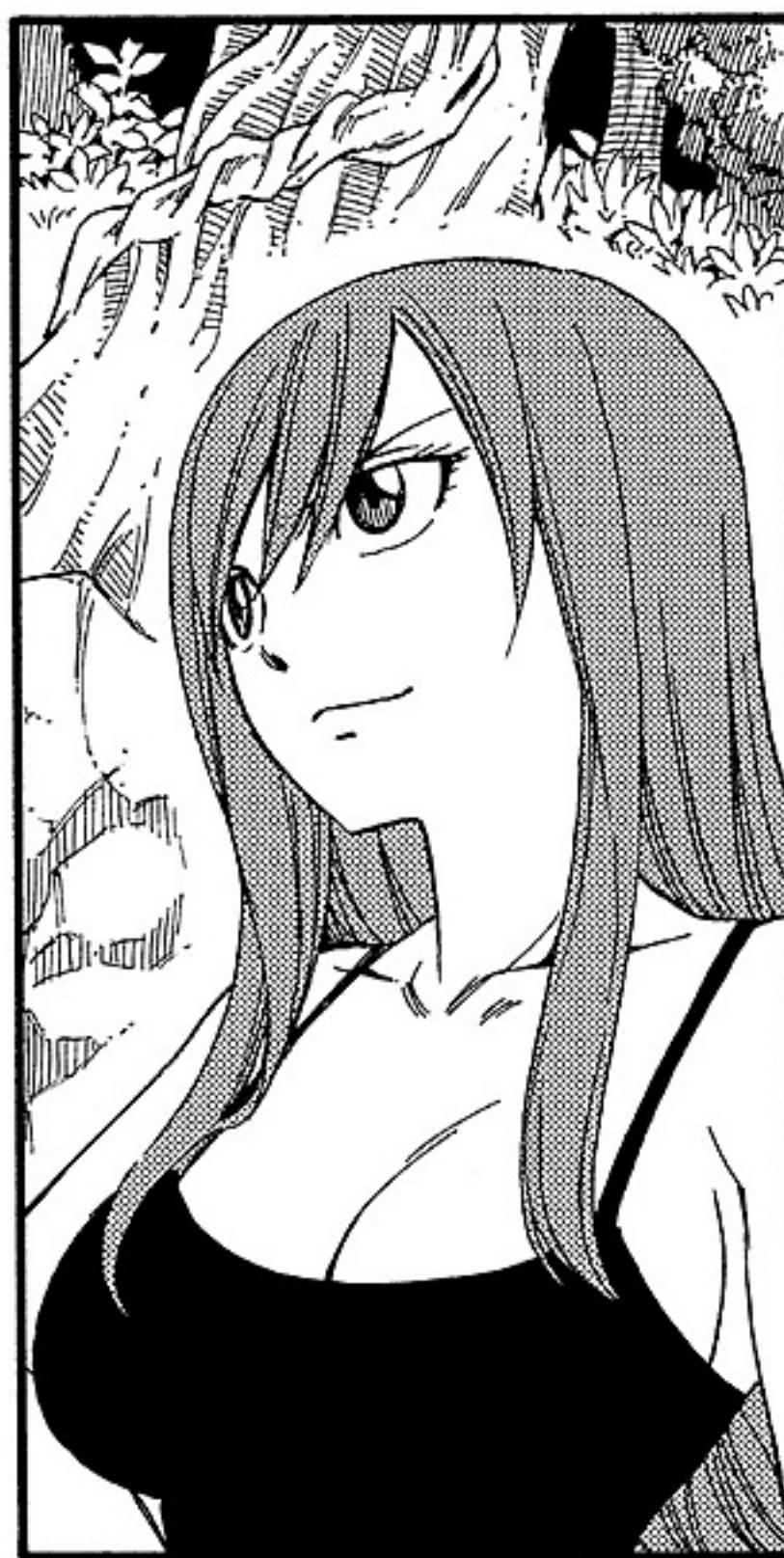
"Punishment"
is the rule for
Crime Sorcière.

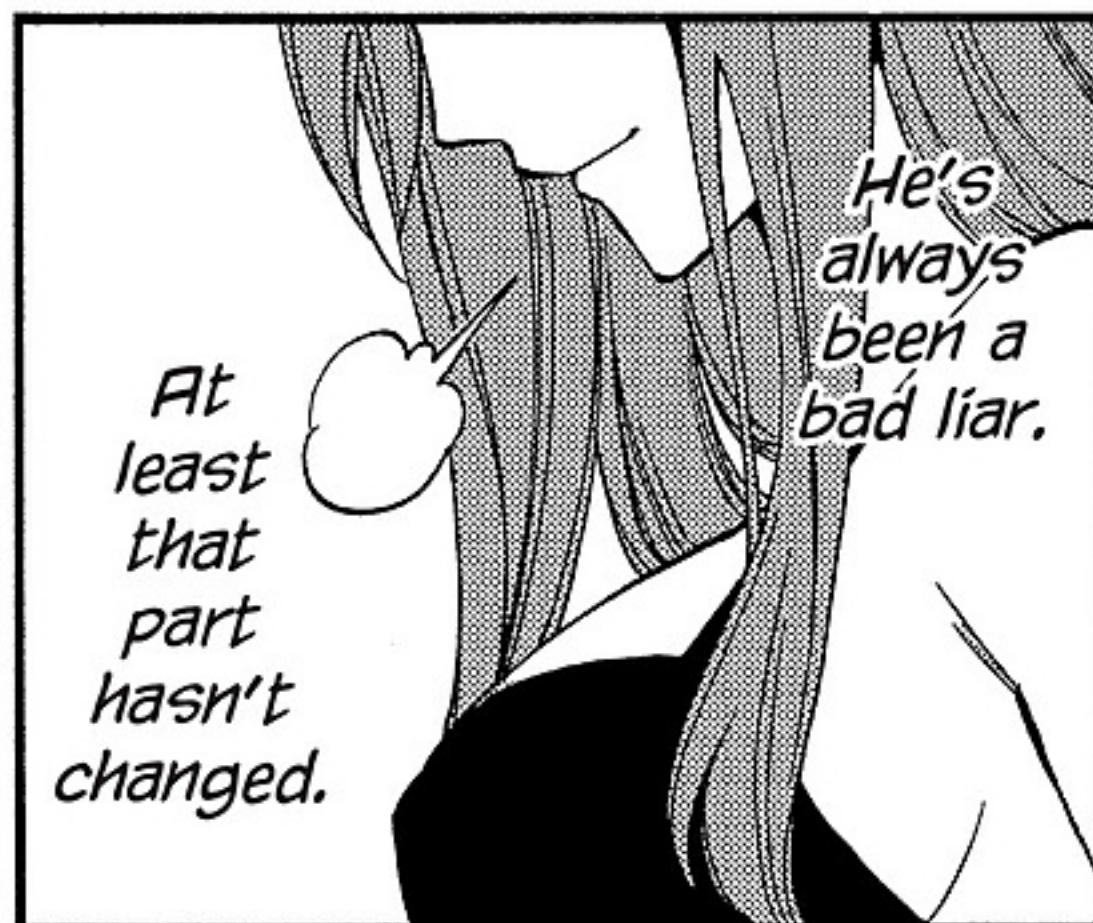
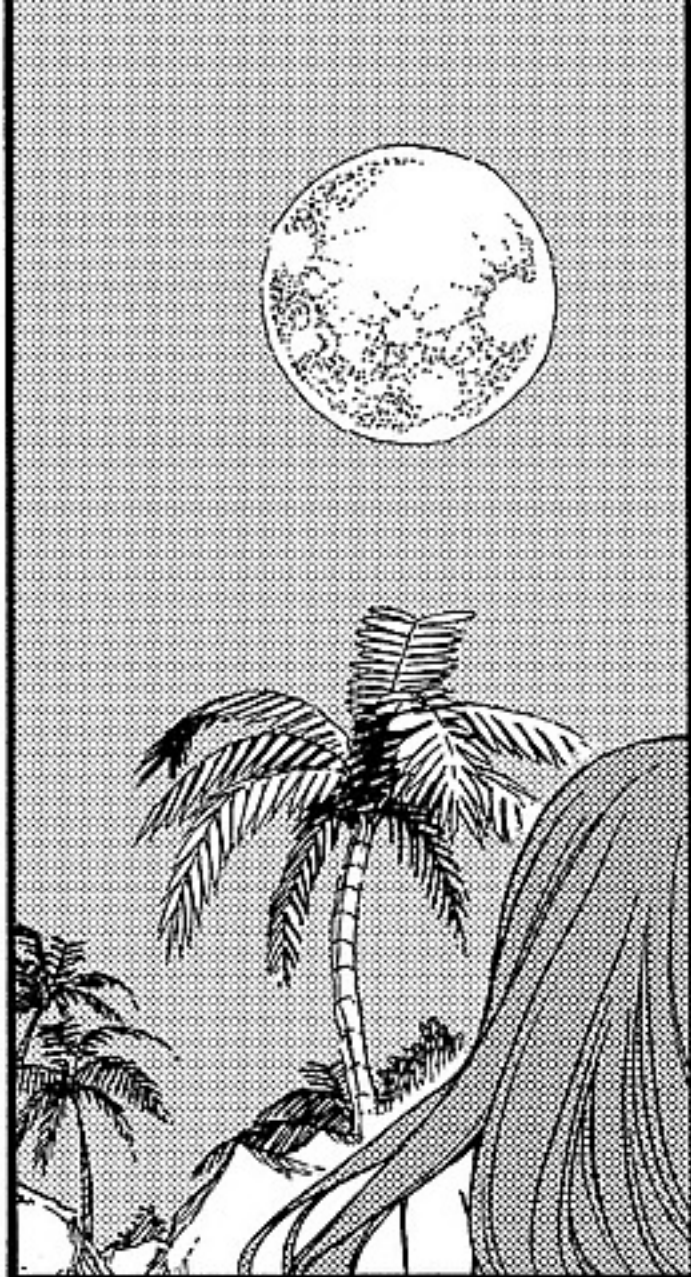
We all
decided
that.



What a
loser! Why's
he trying to
make himself
look cool like
that?

...Even so,
couldn't he
come up
with a more
convincing
lie?

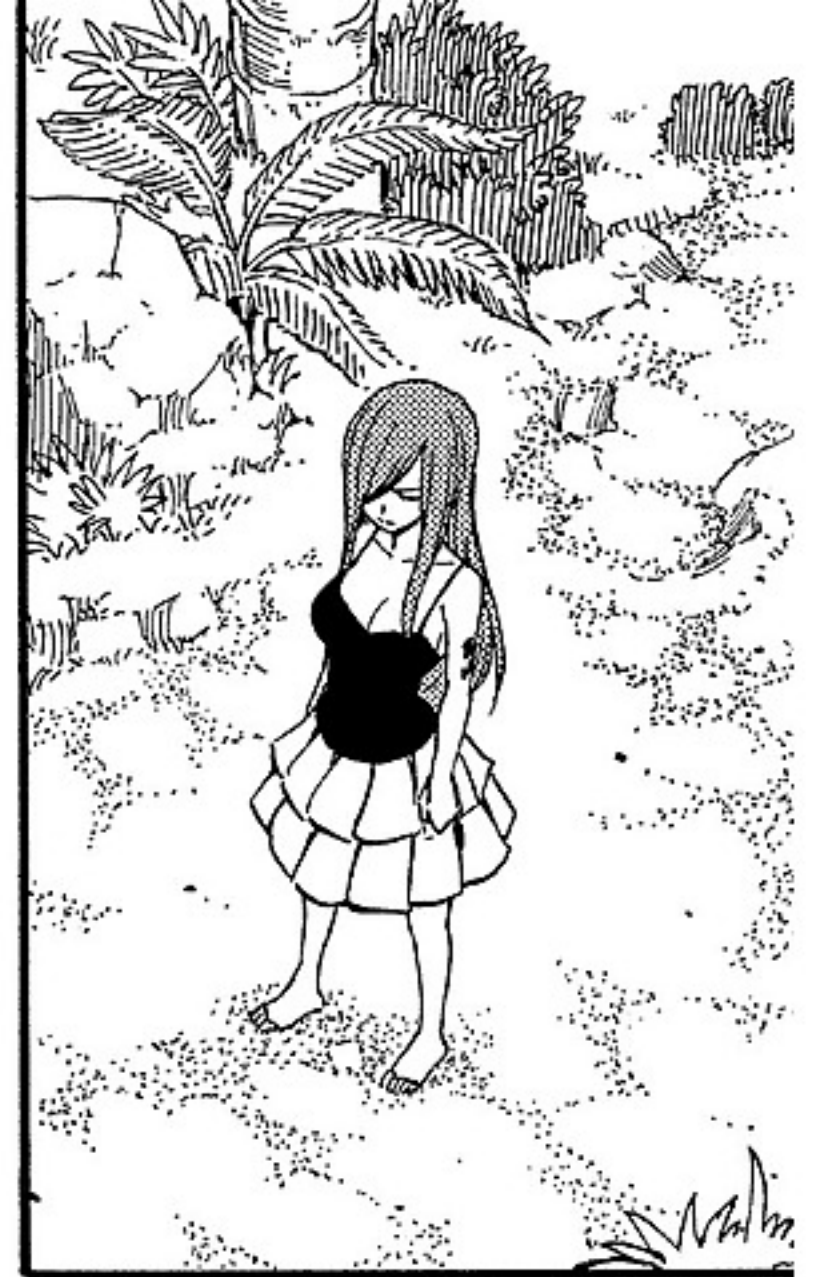




At least that part hasn't changed.

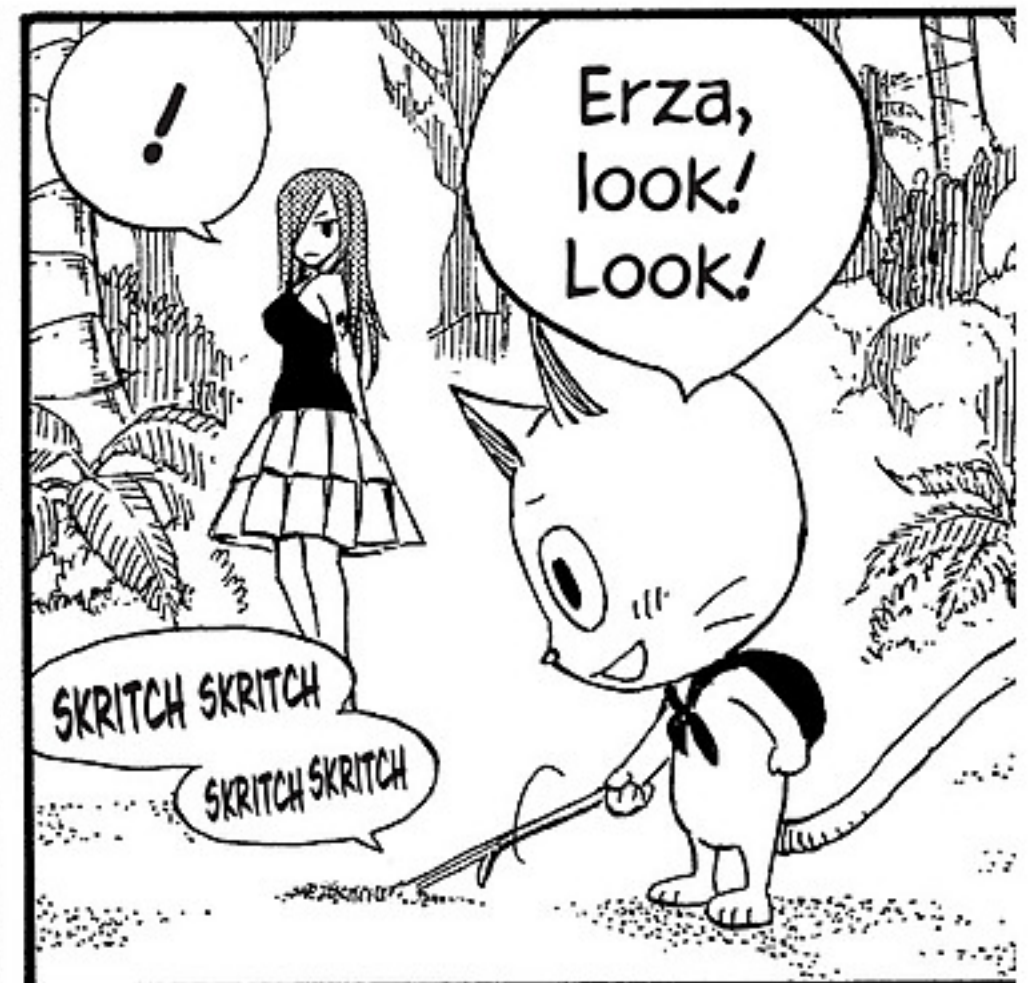
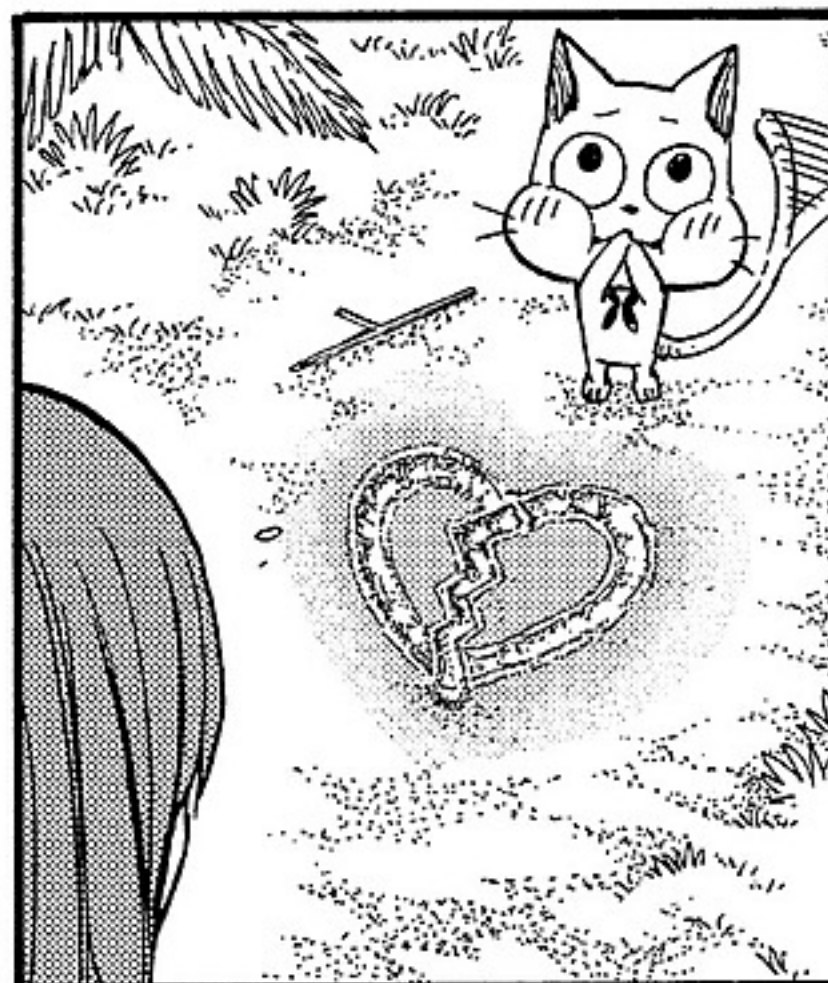
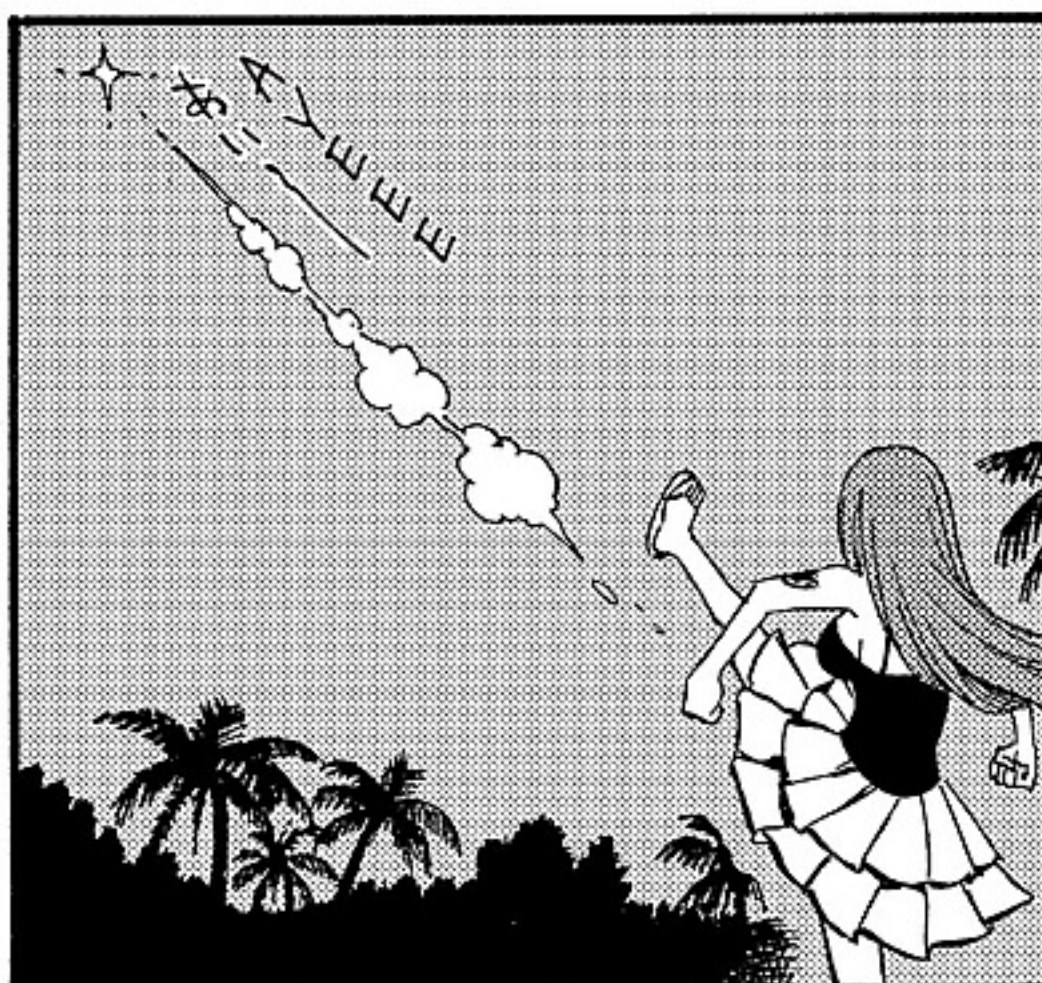
He's always been a bad liar.

A fiancée ...?



This is our answer.

It's better this way.



Erza, look! Look!

SKRITCH SKRITCH

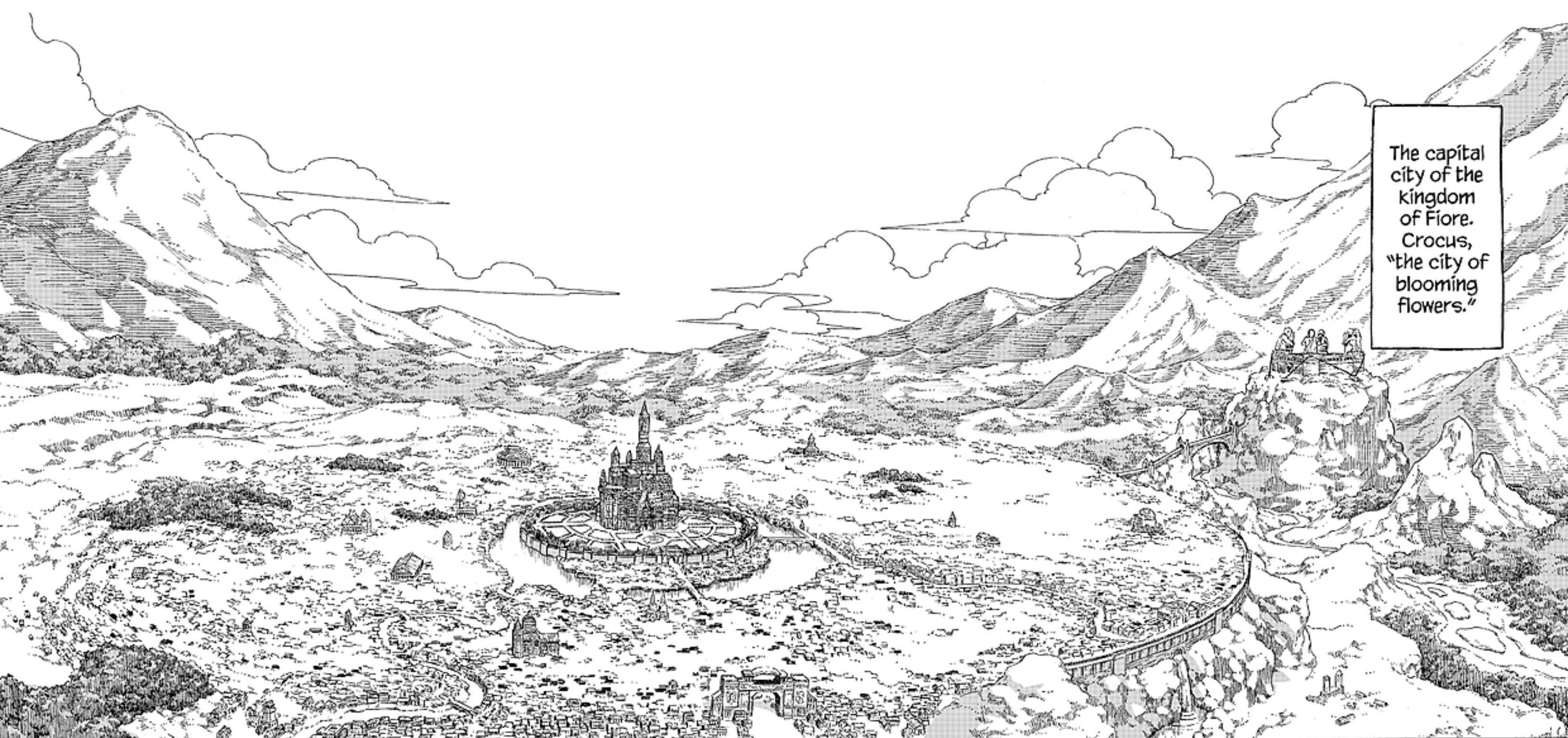
SKRITCH SKRITCH

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



CHAPTER 265: CROCUS, THE CAPITAL OF BLOOMING FLOWERS

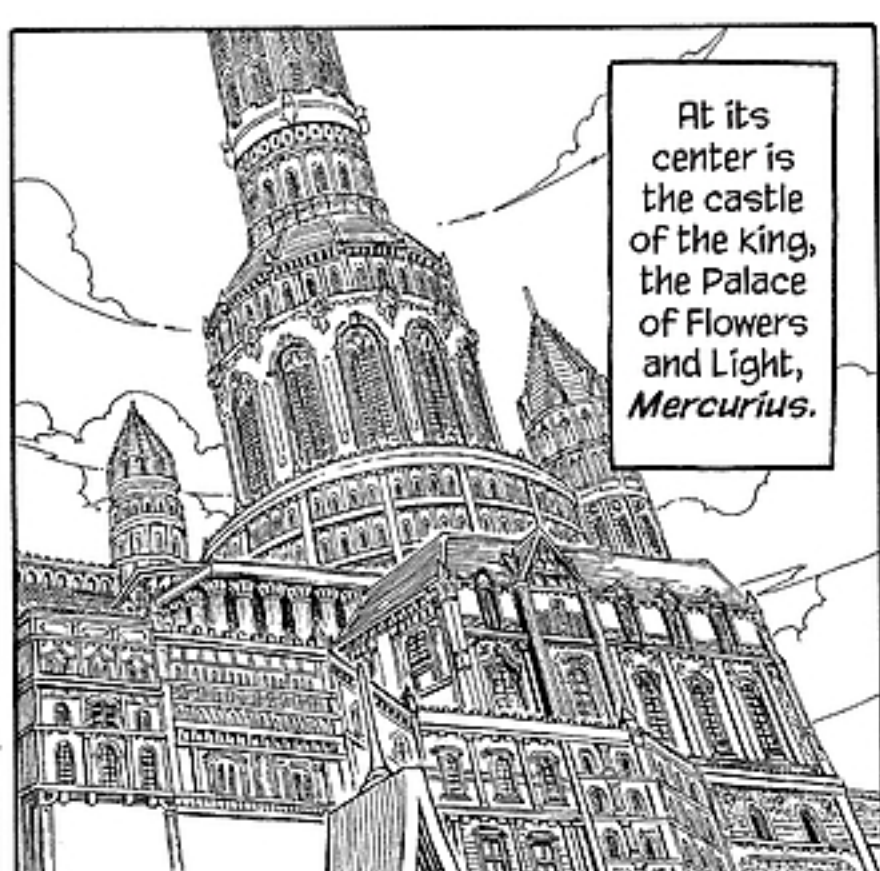
HIRO-MASHIMA



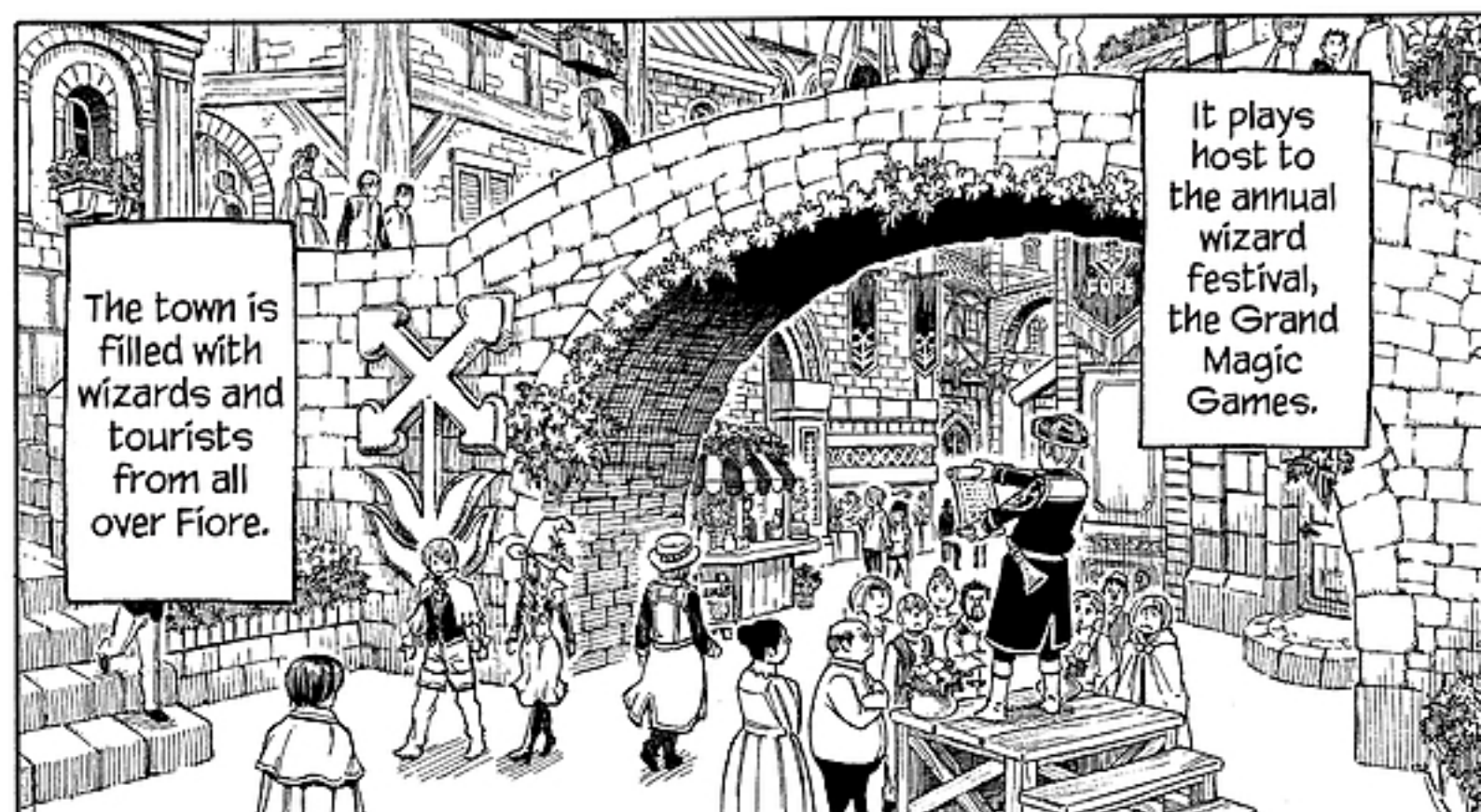
The capital city of the kingdom of Fiore. Crocus, "the city of blooming flowers."



And on a hill to the west, the stadium for the Grand Magic Games, the *Doms Frau*.



At its center is the castle of the king, the Palace of Flowers and Light, *Mercurius*.



The town is filled with wizards and tourists from all over Fiore.

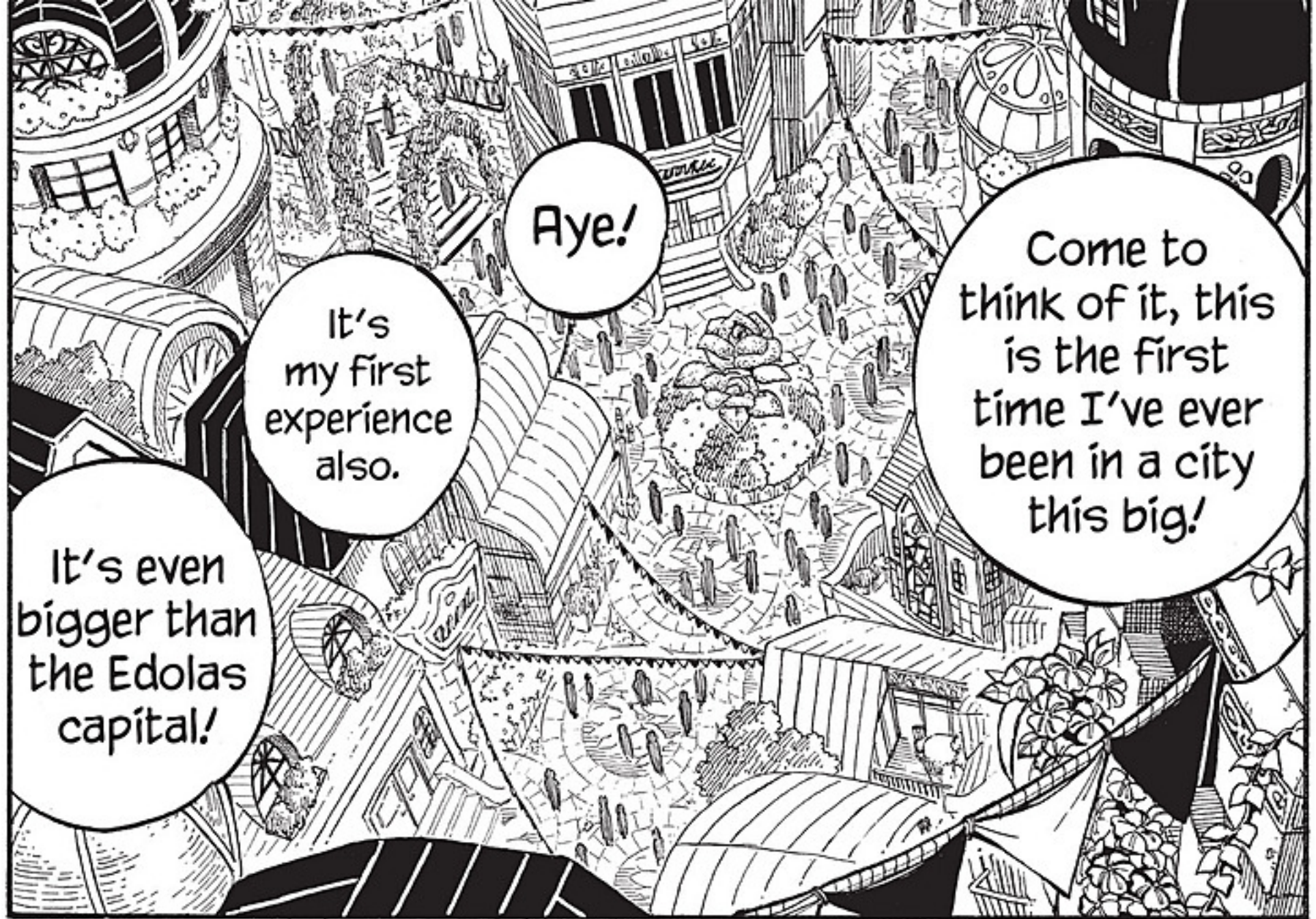
It plays host to the annual wizard festival, the Grand Magic Games.





So
you're
all
finally
here!

Master!



Aye!

It's
my first
experience
also.

It's even
bigger than
the Edolas
capital!

Come to
think of it, this
is the first
time I've ever
been in a city
this big!



Ah ha ha ha!
Now we show
the world
the power of
Fairy Tail!

We've
done all
the reg-
istration
work.

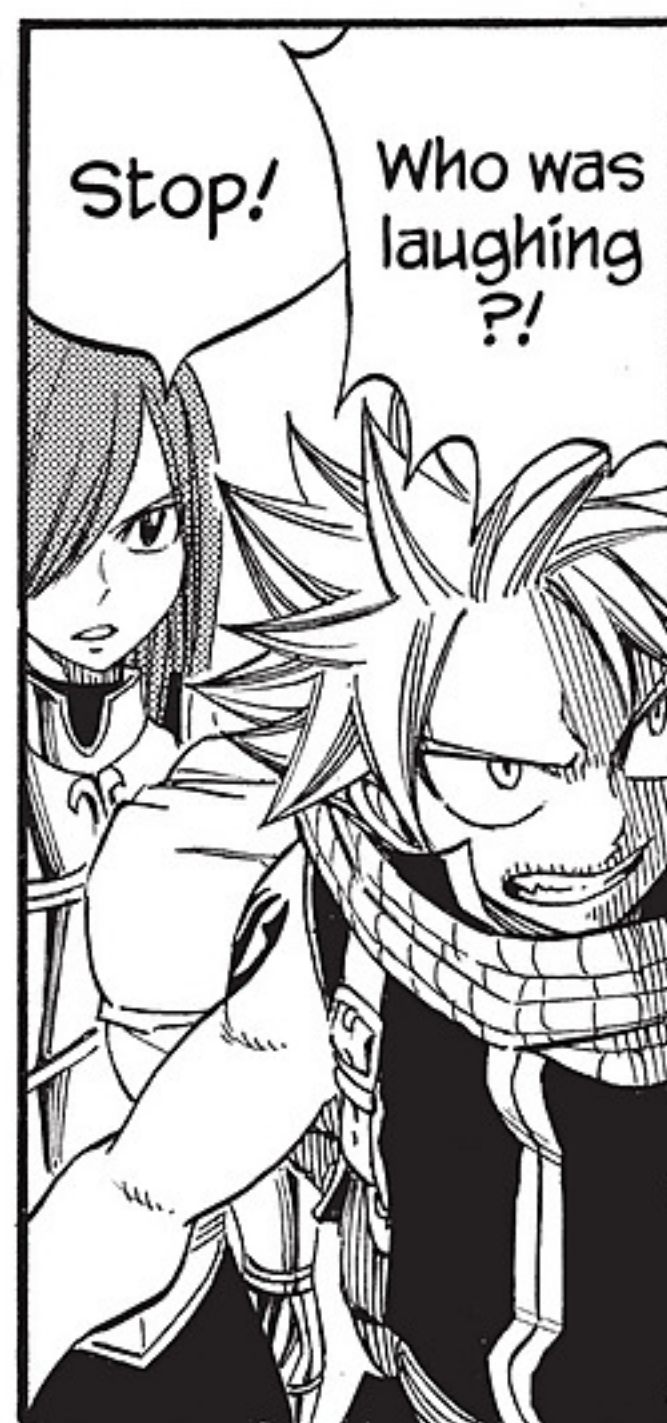


We all
know that
Saber
Tooth is
gonna
win!

They're
bound to
rank last
again this
year!

あはははは
あはははは
あはははは
あはははは

Grrrr
...



Stop!

Who was
laughing
?!

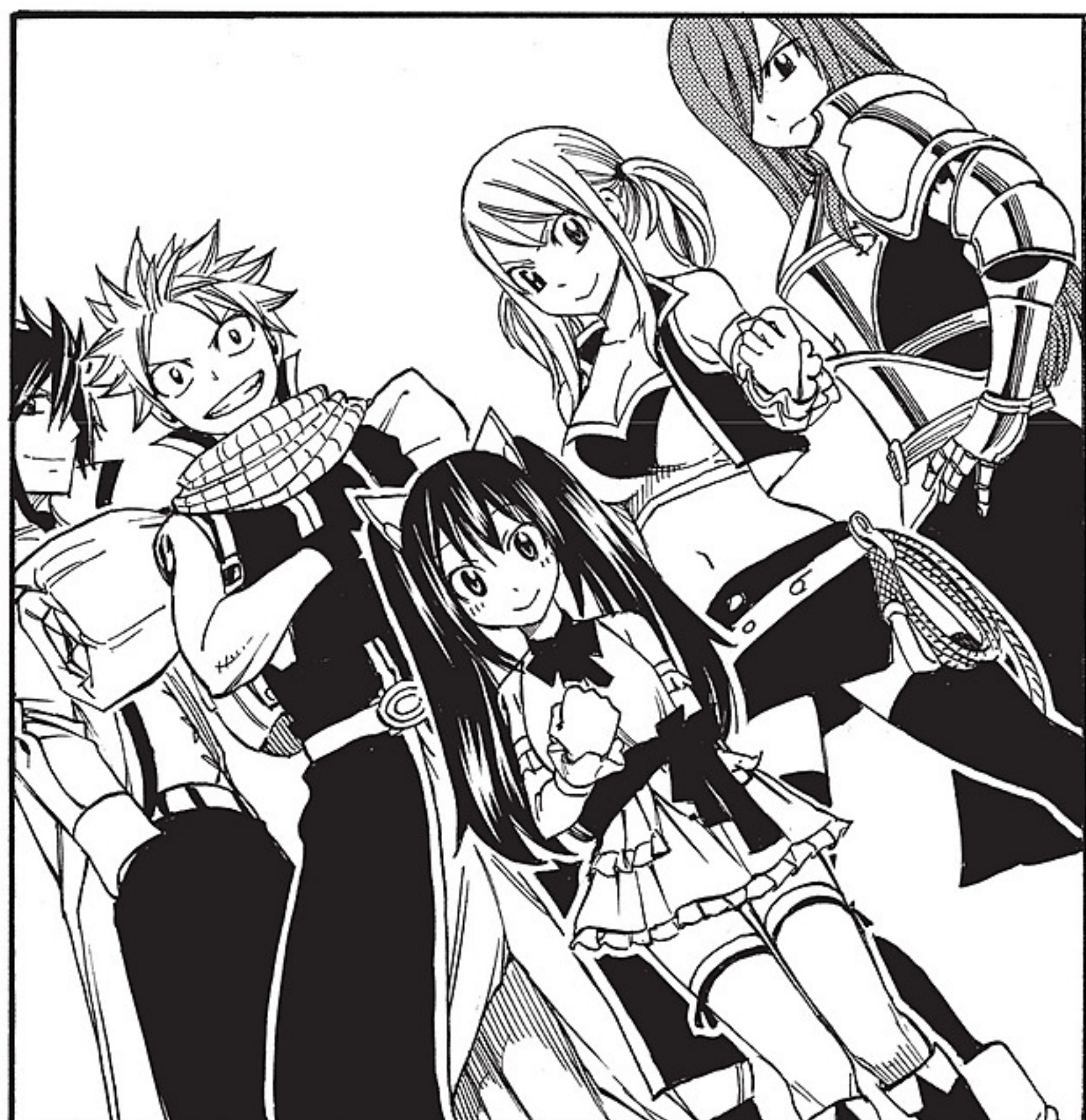
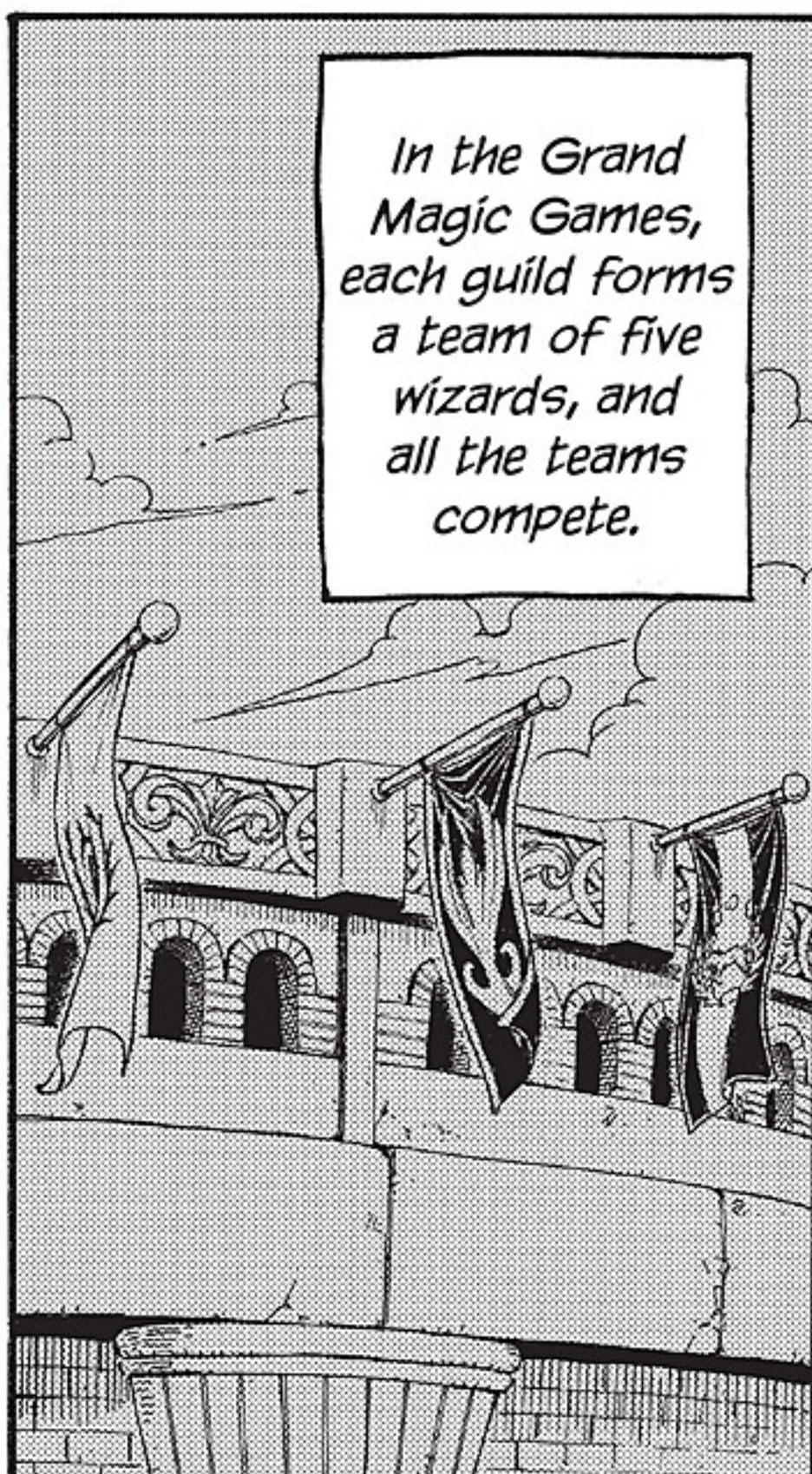
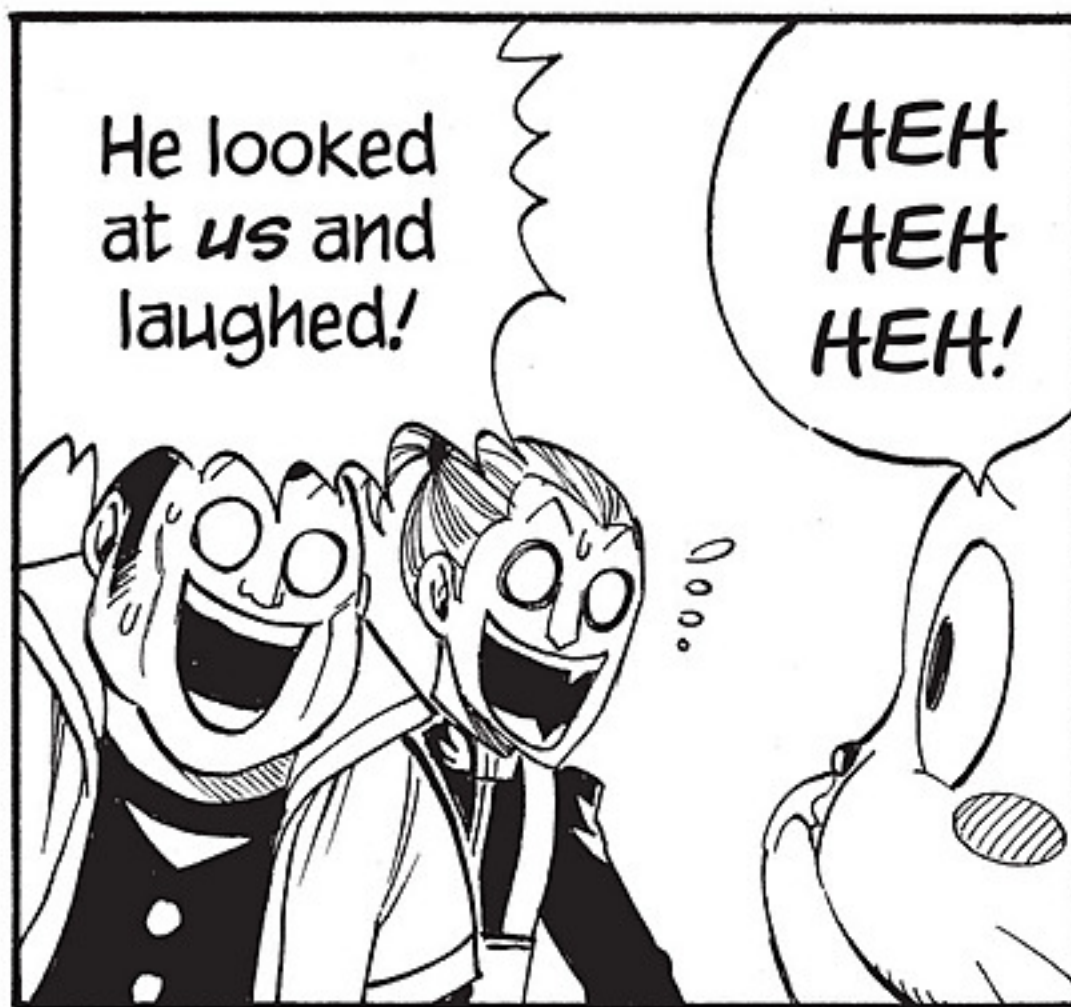


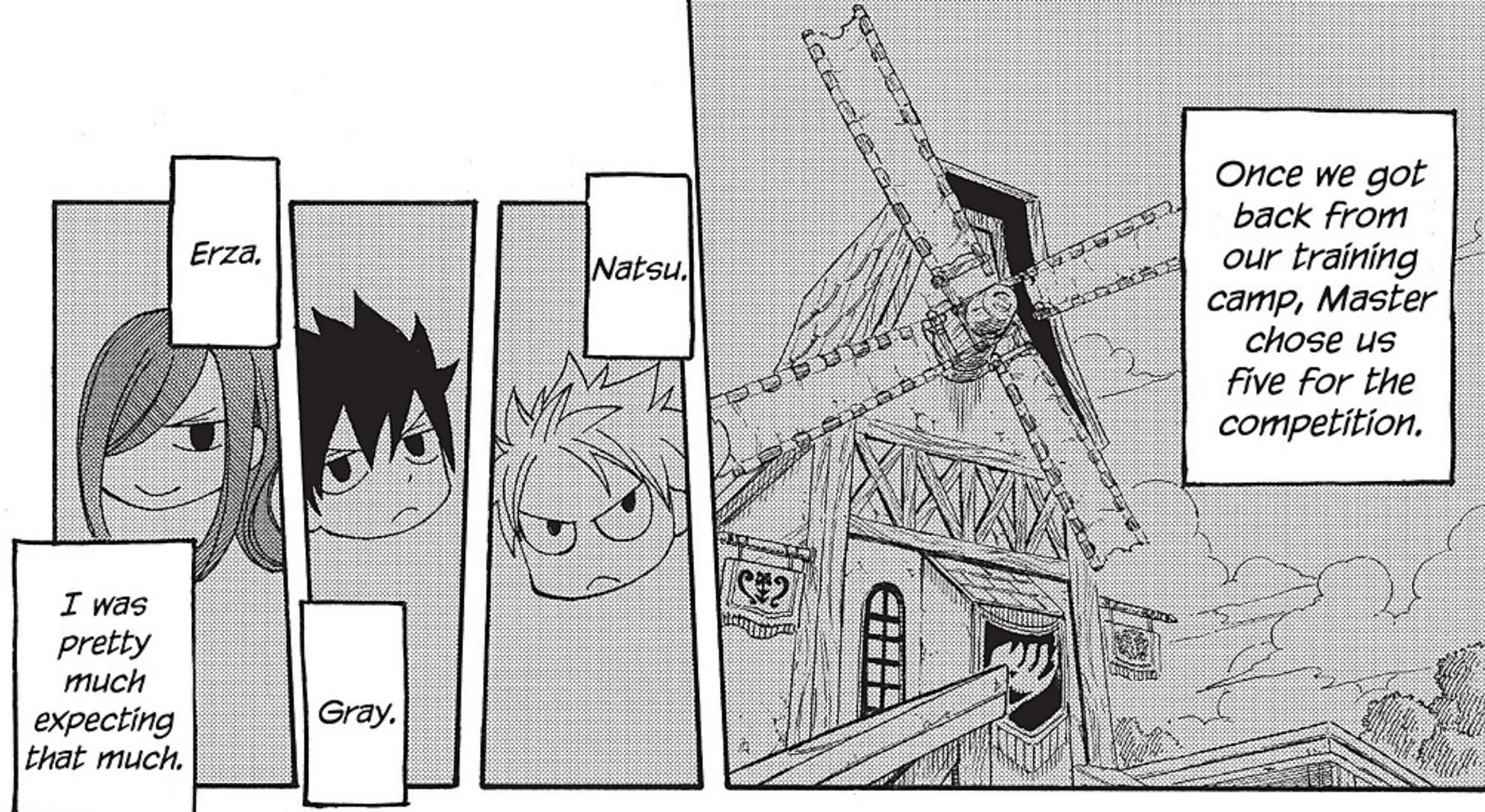
The
worst guild!
Always
losing!

BA HA
HA!

Those
guys?

Hey! That
guy just
said, "Fairy
Tail!"





Erza.

Natsu.

I was pretty much expecting that much.

Gray.

Once we got back from our training camp, Master chose us five for the competition.



They're not back yet.



I just can't! Laxus or Gajeel can do it, can't they?

But Wendy and I were chosen too.

Huhhh?
?



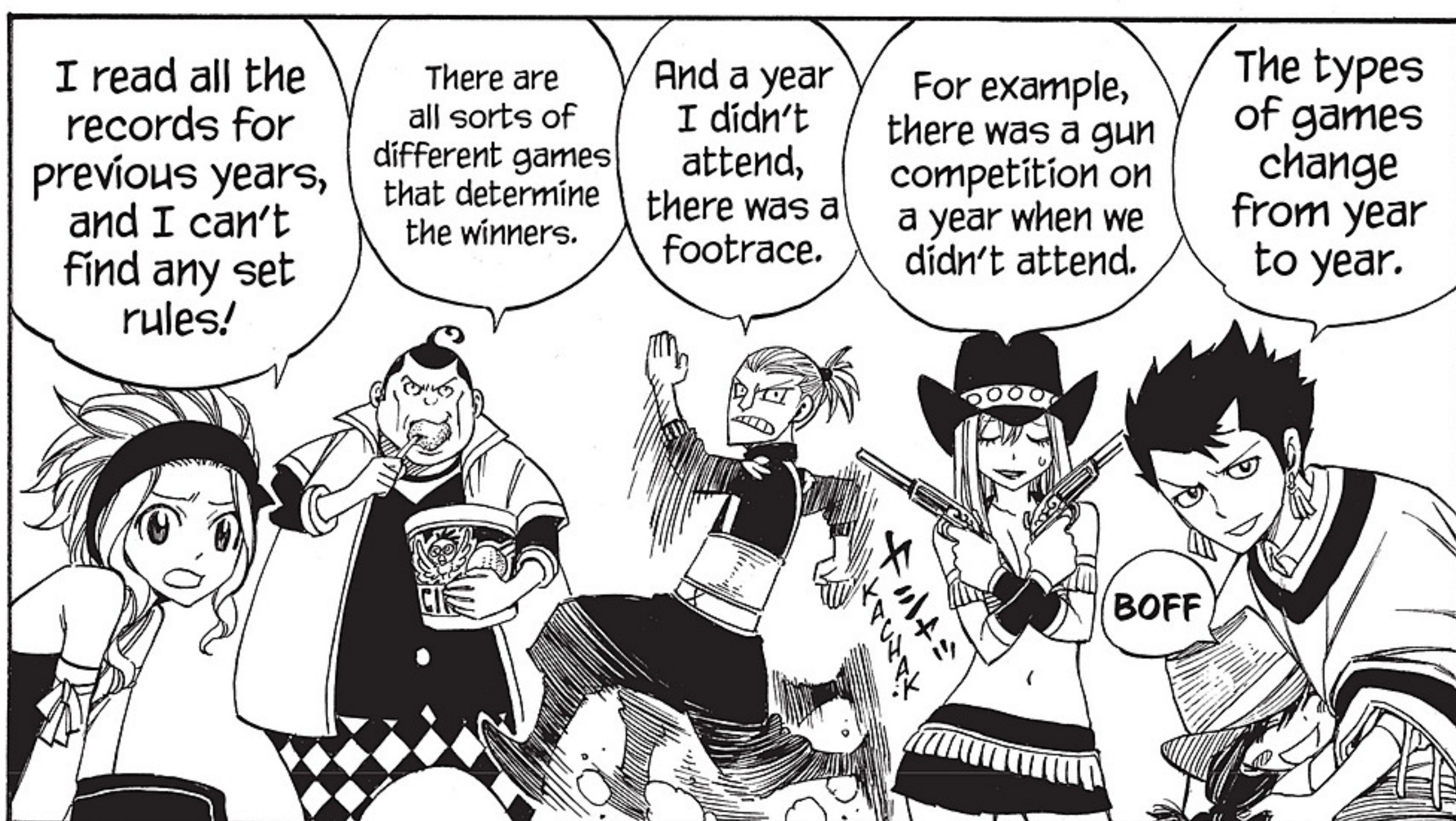
If we really want it, I'd have preferred Gildarts, Laxus, and Mirajane, but...

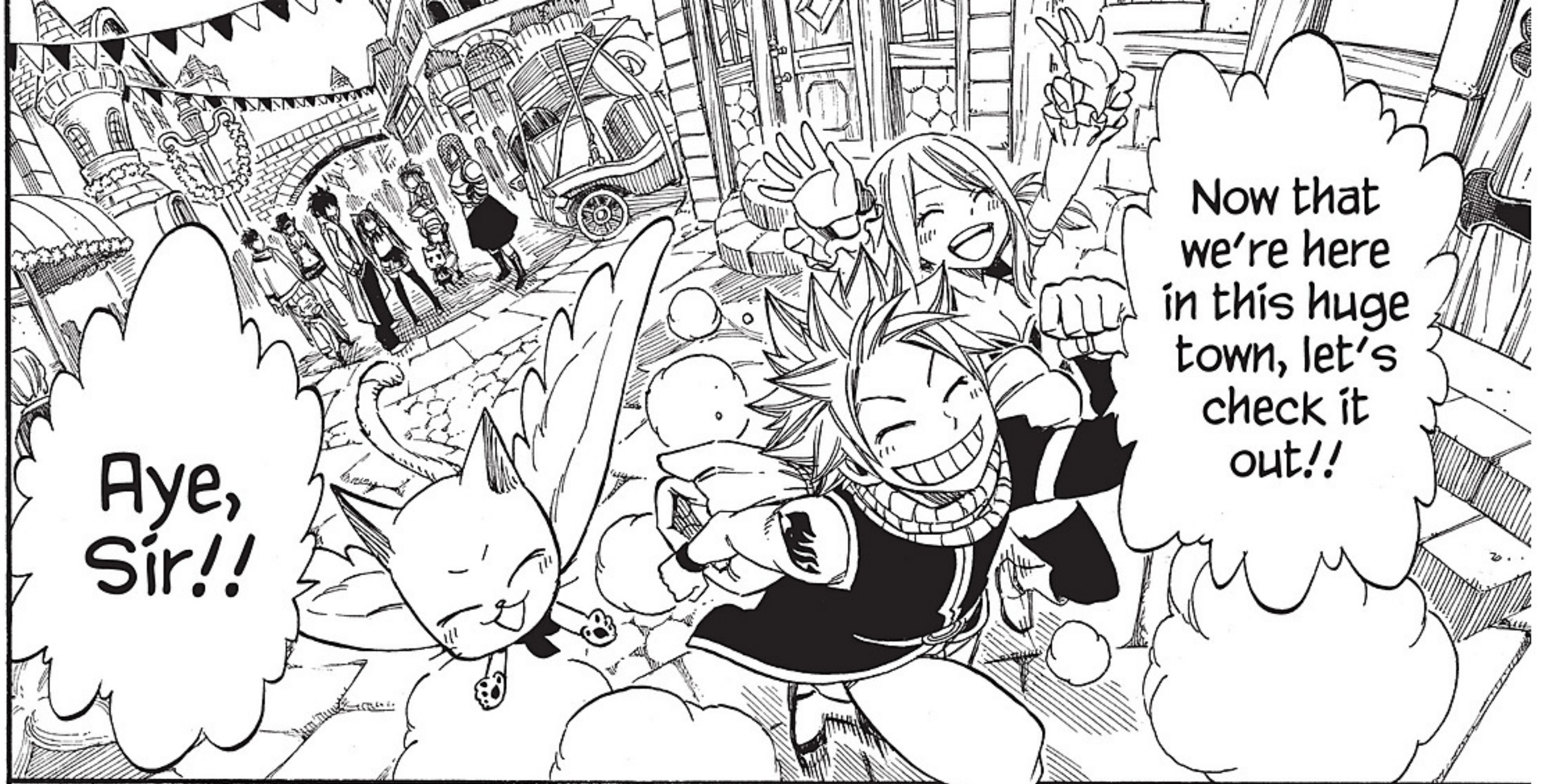
You're saying that out loud!!!!

I'll try really hard!

Yeah, that's true.

The master chooses not based on individual strength, but on team cohesion! Now that you are chosen, we expect your best!





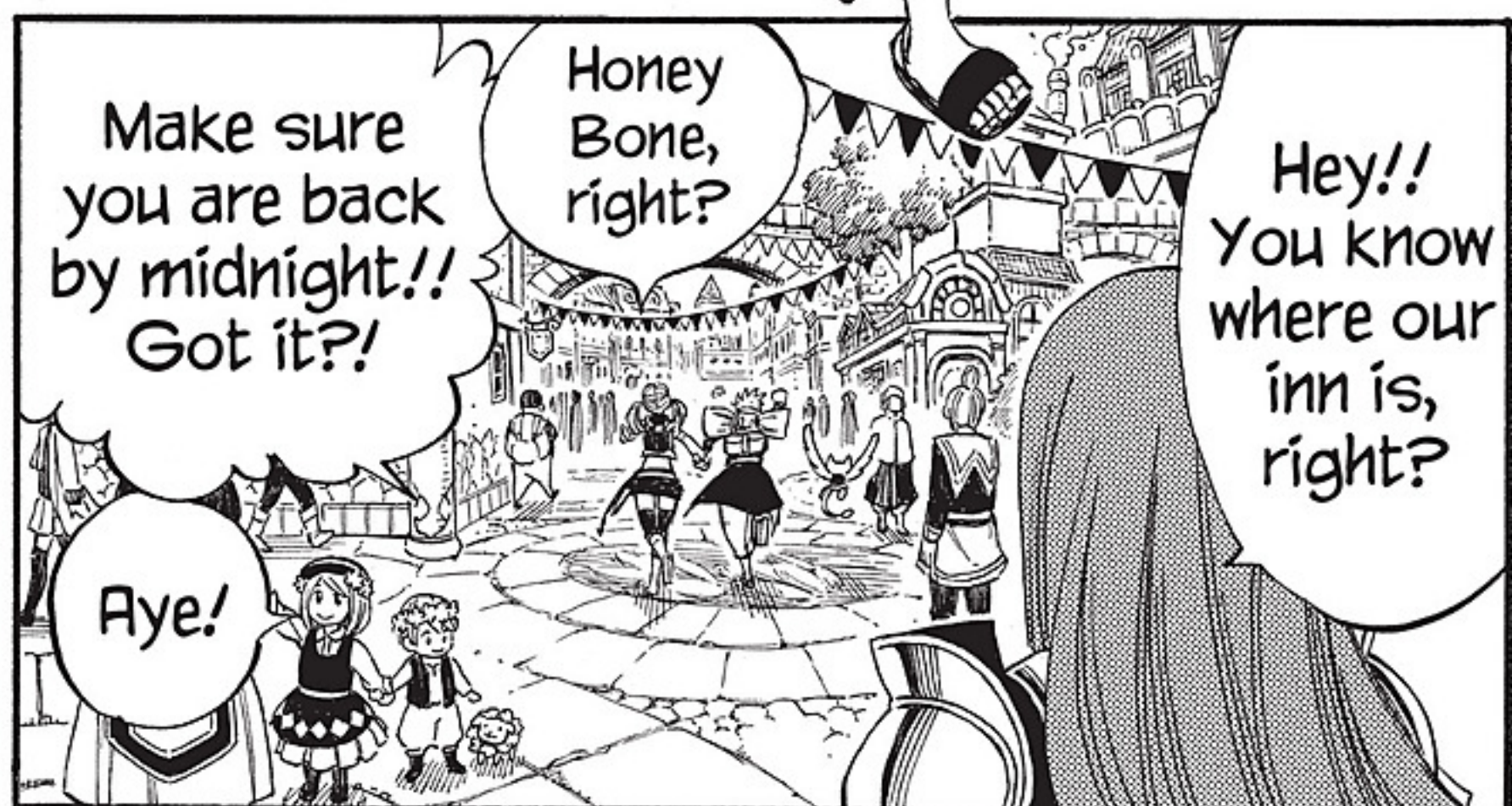
Aye,
Sir!!

Now that
we're here
in this huge
town, let's
check it
out!!



Mid-
night
...

Re-
served
inns...



Make sure
you are back
by midnight!!
Got it?!

Honey
Bone,
right?

Hey!!
You know
where our
inn is,
right?

Aye!



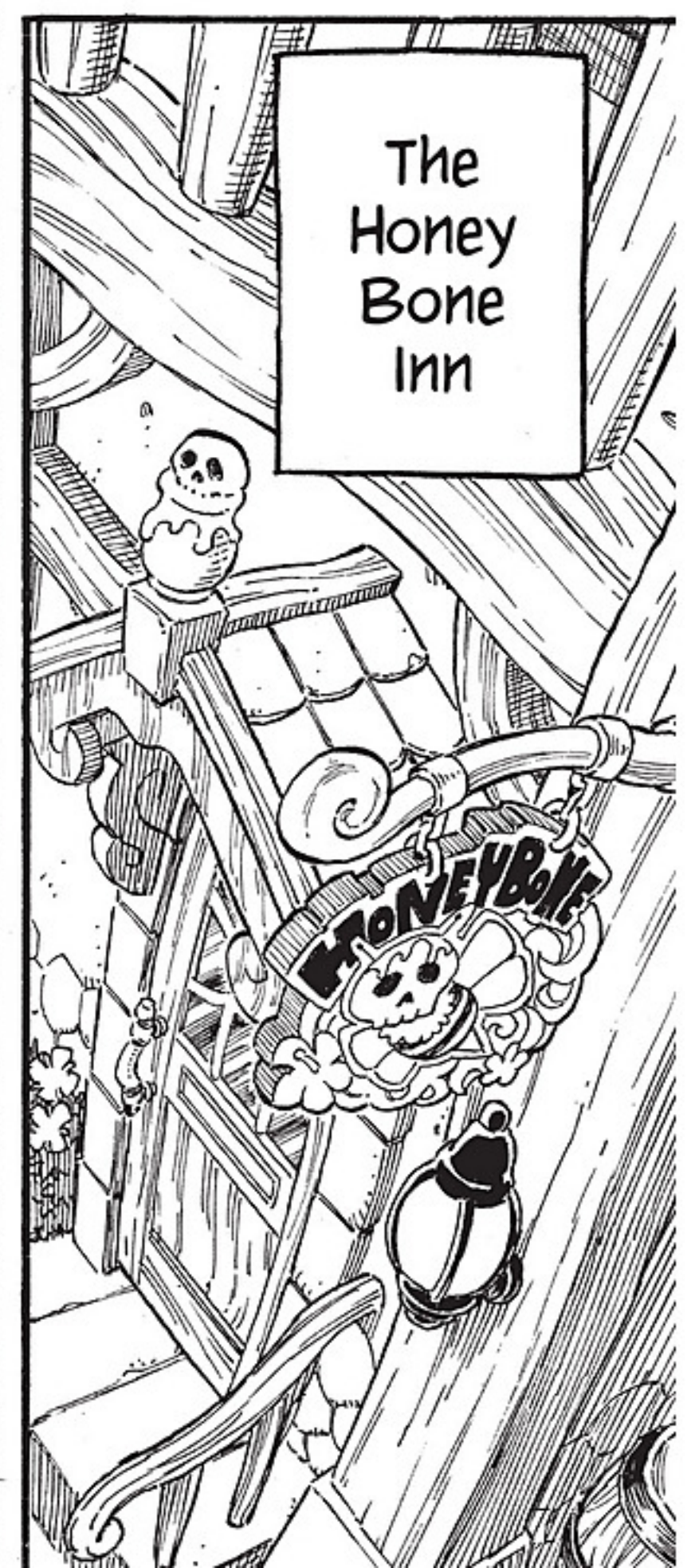
SHIK
SHIK



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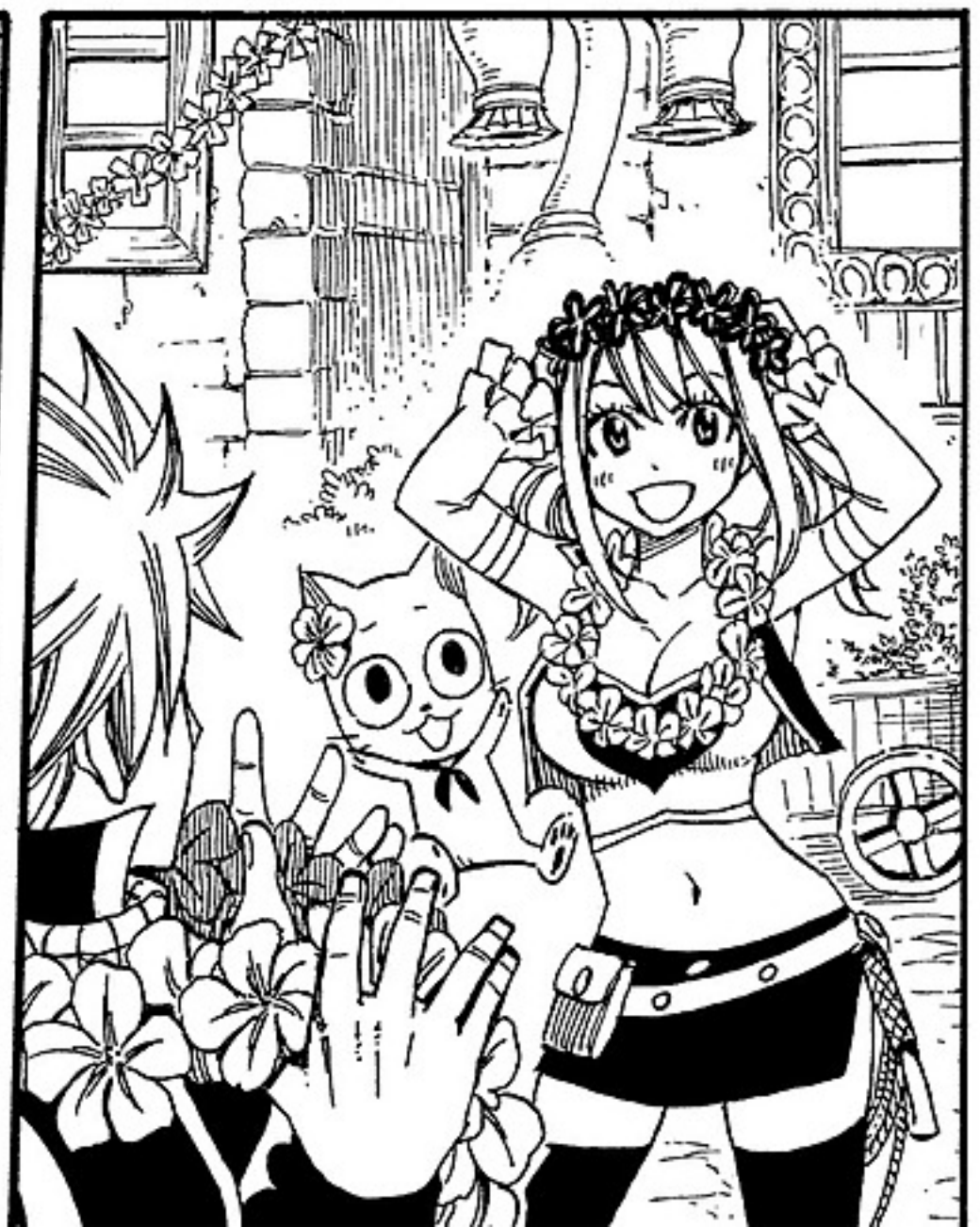


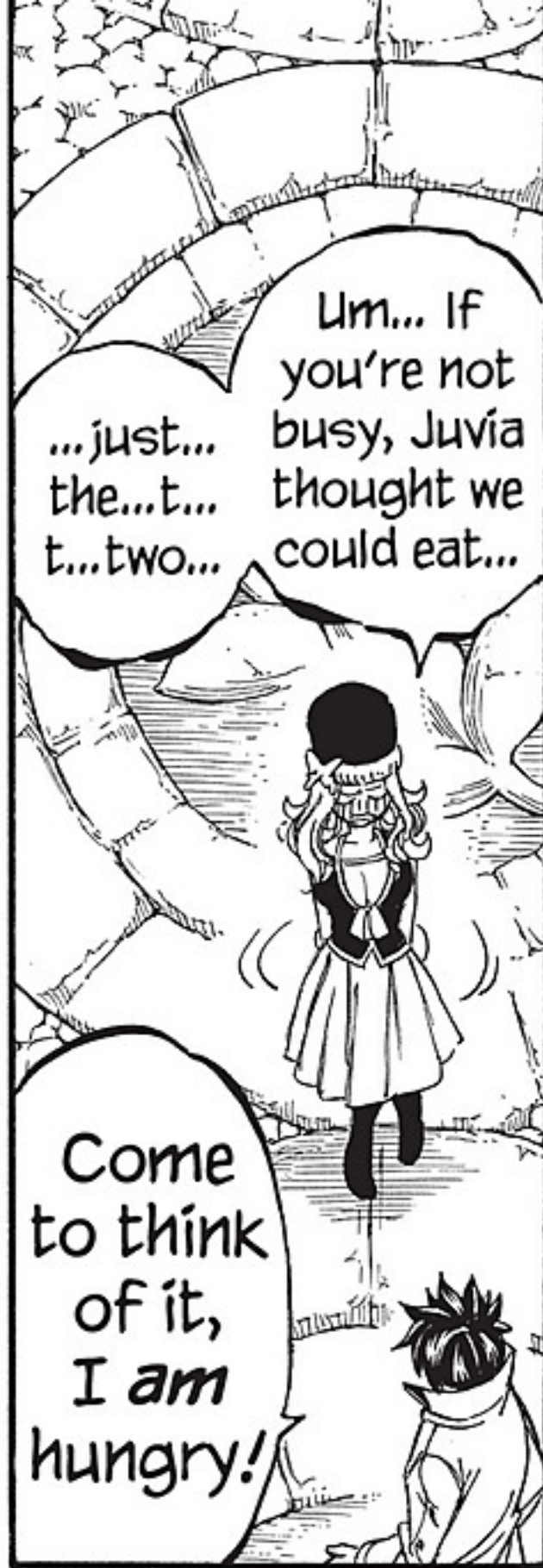
So this
is our
room?



The
Honey
Bone
Inn

HONEYBONE

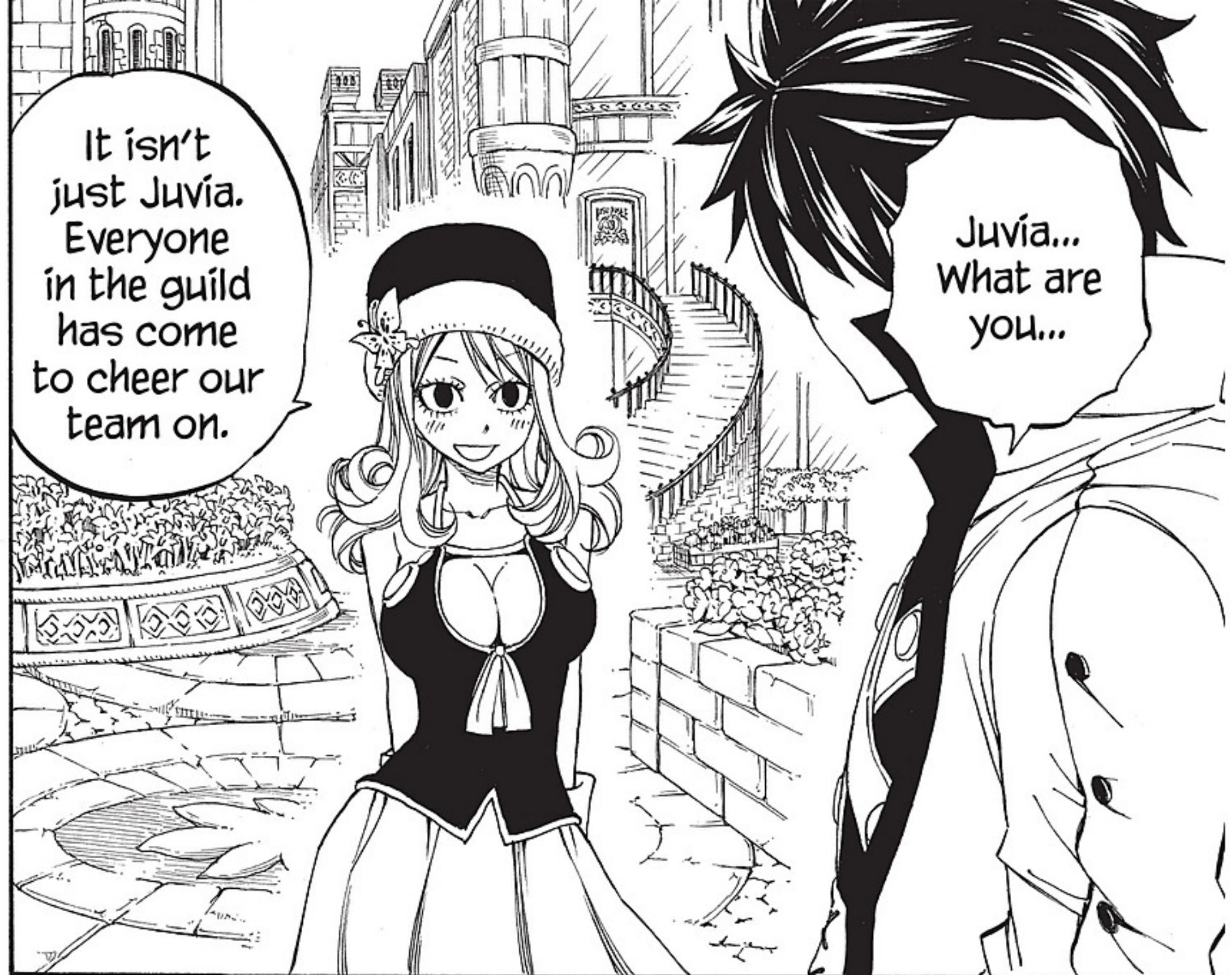




...just...
the...t...
t...two...

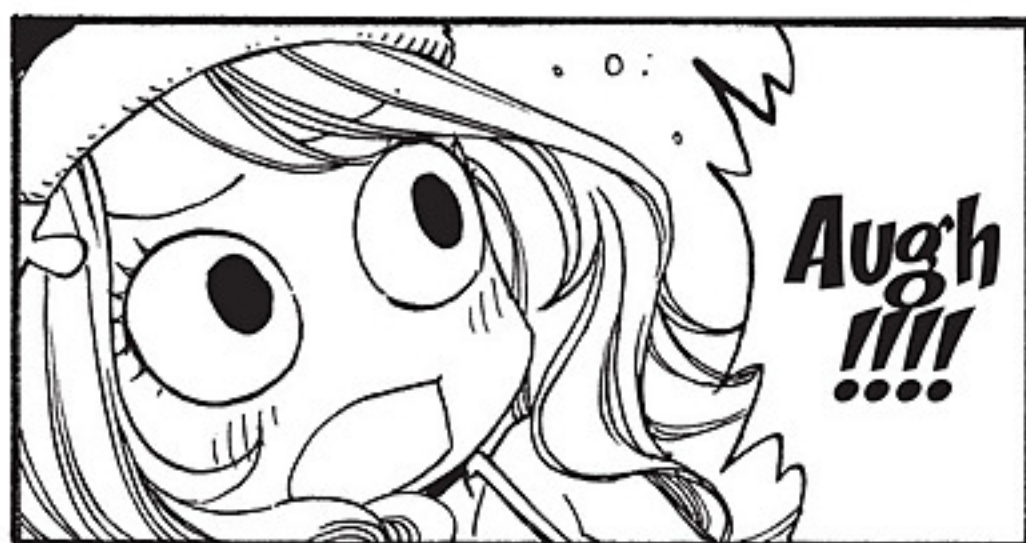
Um... If
you're not
busy, Juvia
thought we
could eat...

Come
to think
of it,
I *am*
hungry!



It isn't
just Juvia.
Everyone
in the guild
has come
to cheer our
team on.

Juvia...
What are
you...



**Augh
!!!!**



You jerk!
Don't go
carting
off my
guild
mates!!!!

Huh...?
Wait... This
isn't...

It's one
that's
connected
to the city
aquarium.



**Lyon
!!!!**

Then
we'll go to a
restaurant
I know in
town.



Don't you
forget, we've
got a monster
talent named
Erza!

Up until now,
neither Jura nor I
had attended, and
still we placed
second.
I think you get what
I'm saying.



Yeah,
so?

Of course...
it will be us
at Lamia
Scale who
will be the
winners.

I hear you're
entering the
Grand Magic
Games,
Gray?

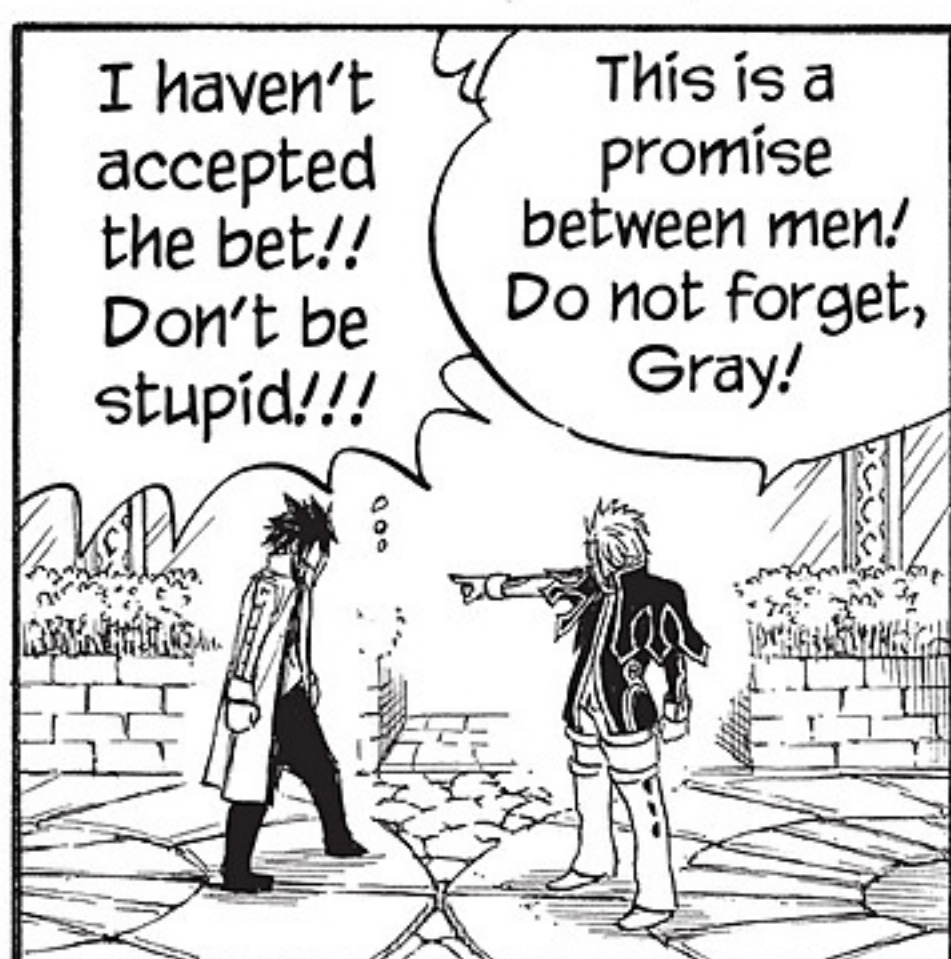


What's that supposed to mean?

The moment Lamia Scale wins the tournament, Juvia becomes a member of *our* guild!

Let us make a wager!

AAAAAA
あ あ あ あ あ



I haven't accepted the bet!! Don't be stupid!!!

This is a promise between men! Do not forget, Gray!



She's already a guild member !!!!



Then we return Juvia to you.



A-And if *we* win?



You haven't followed this conversation at all, have you?

Gray-sama!! Do you choose Juvia, or do you choose Lyon?! Make up your mind, please!!!!

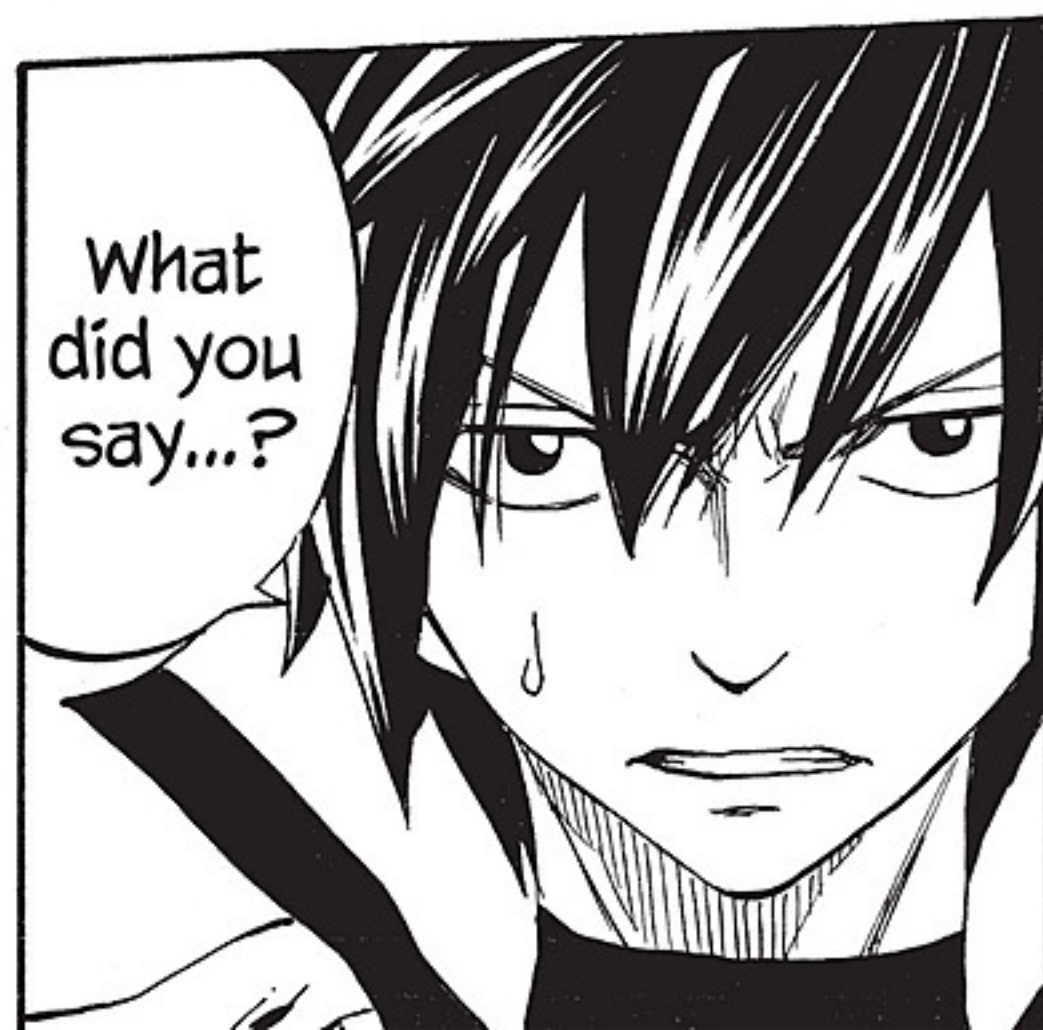


AHH... AAAHH

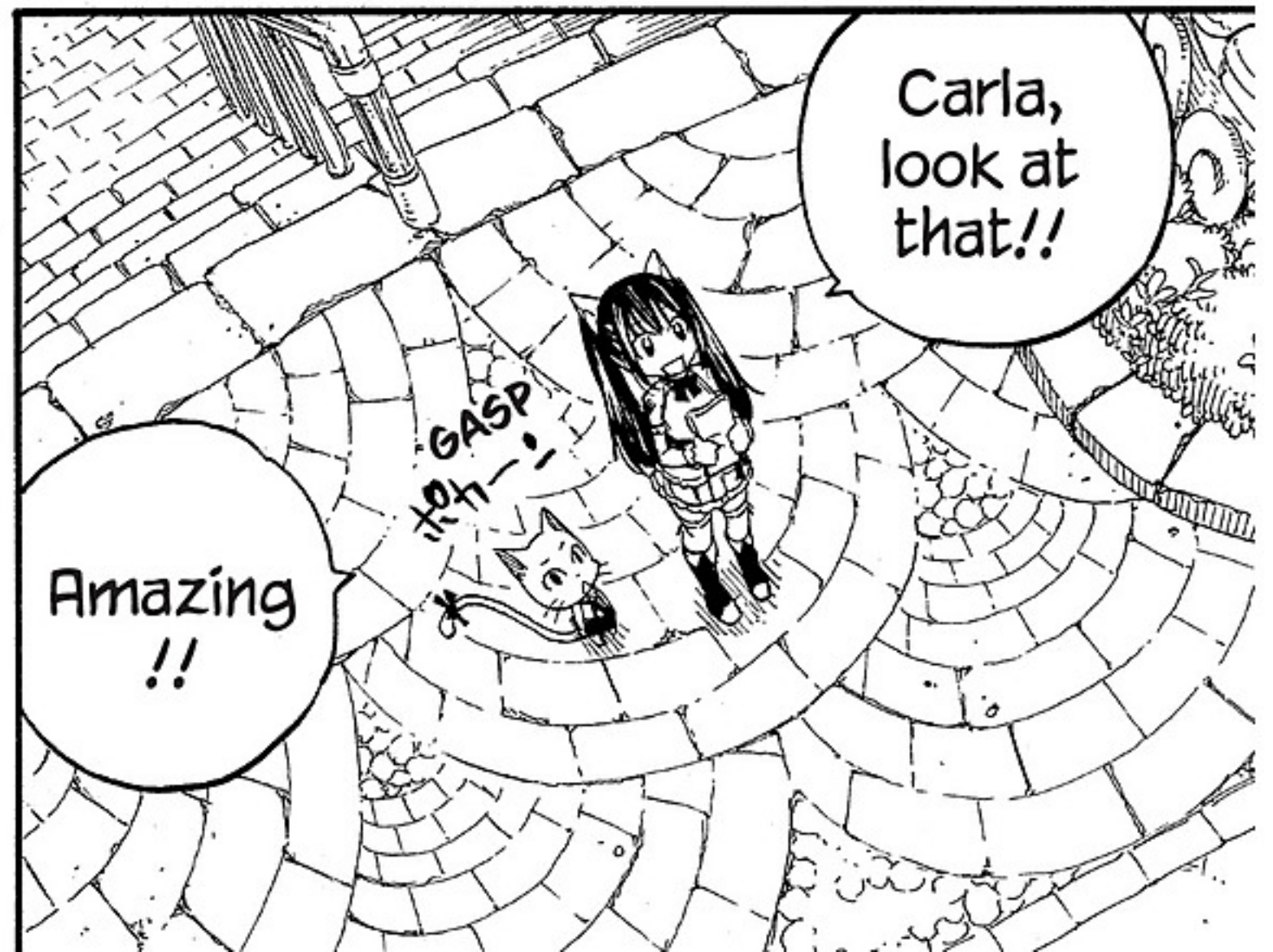
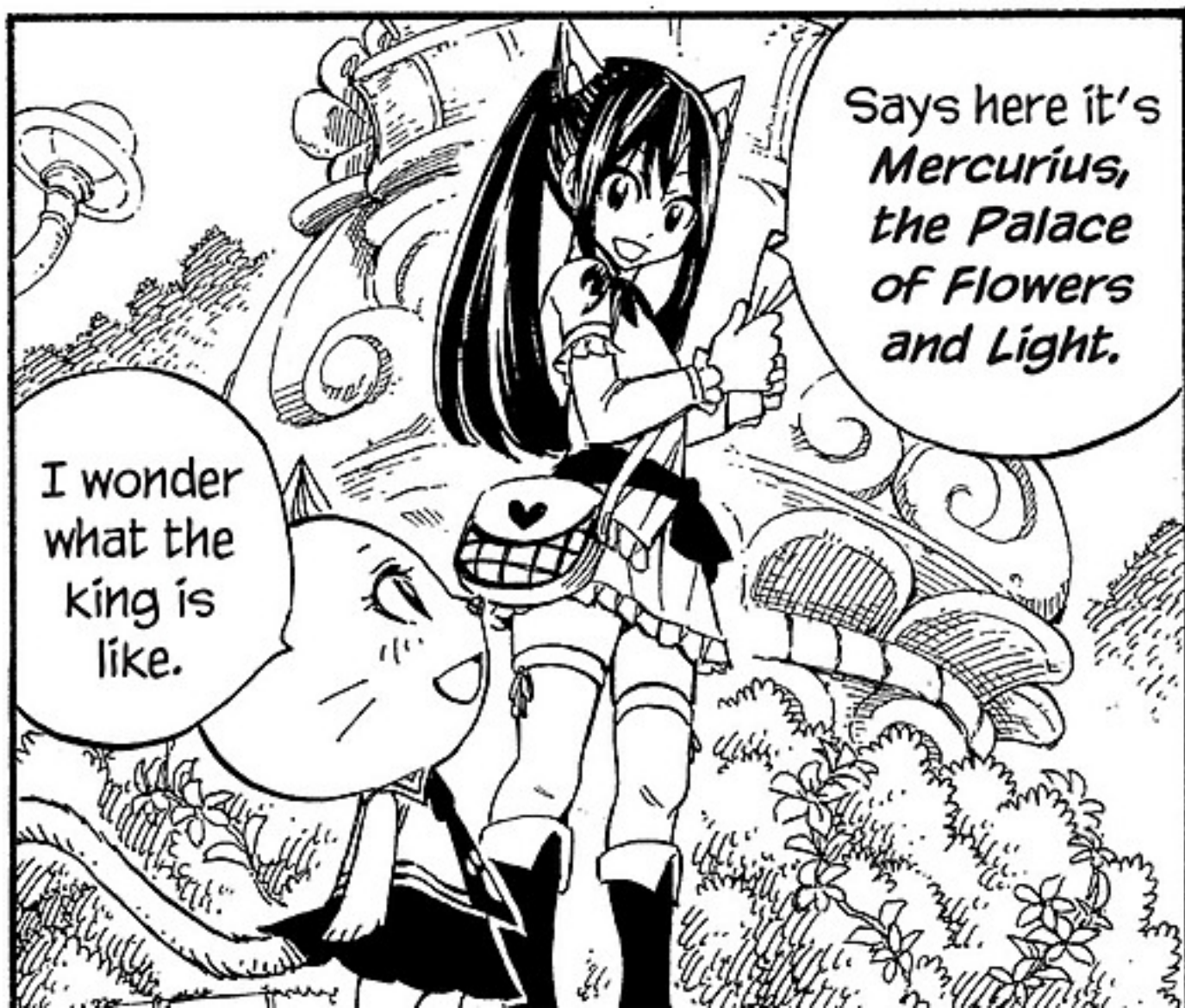
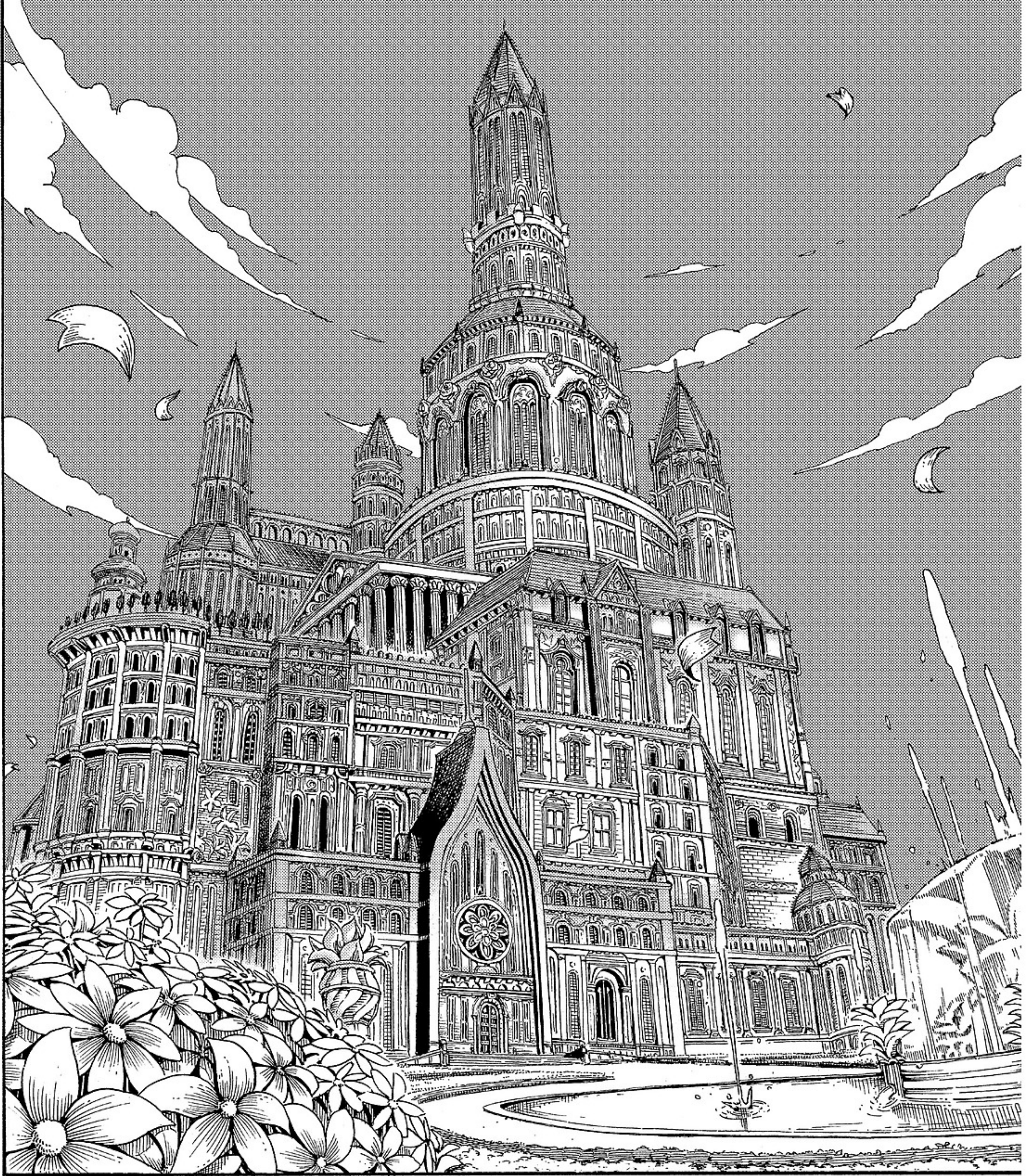
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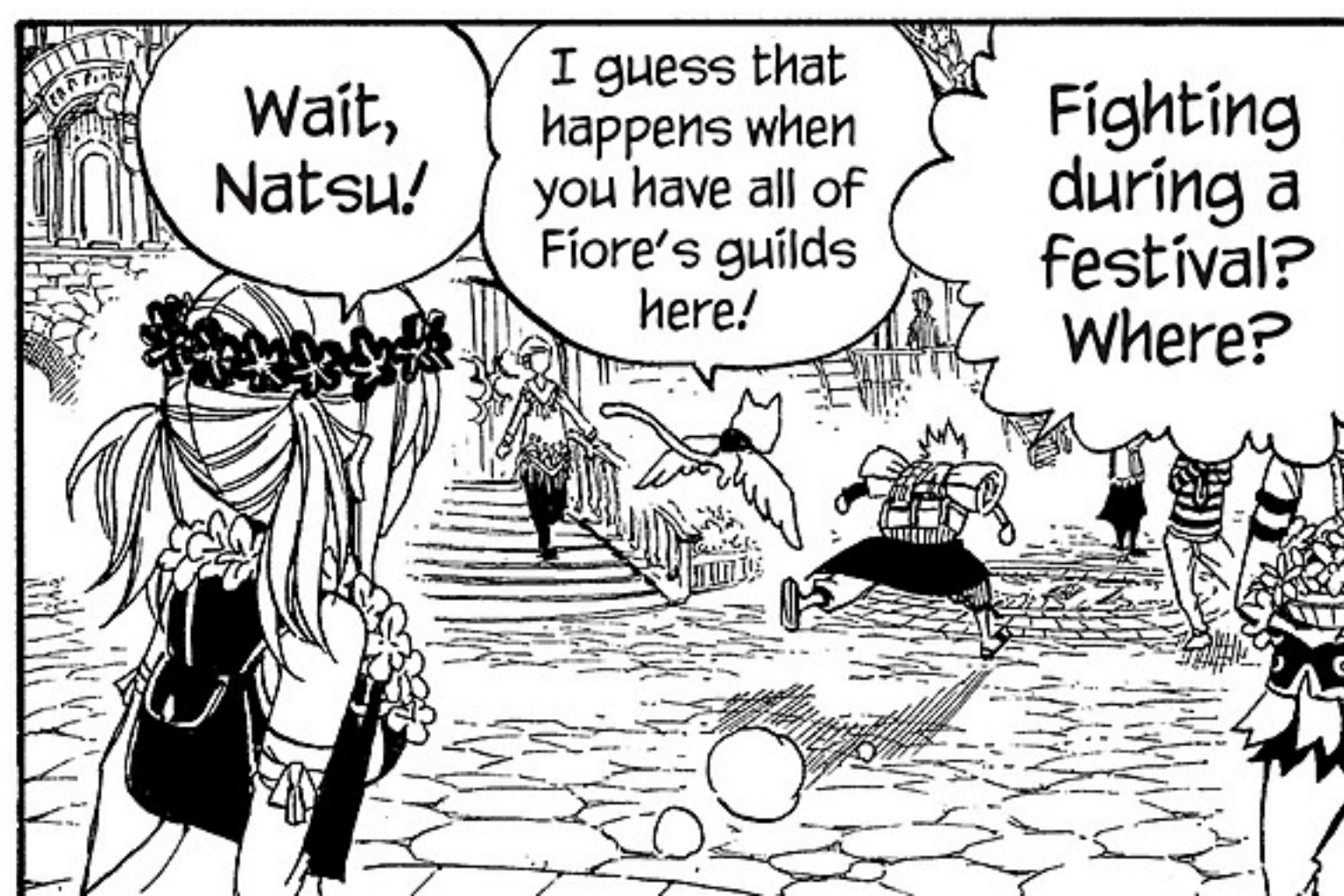
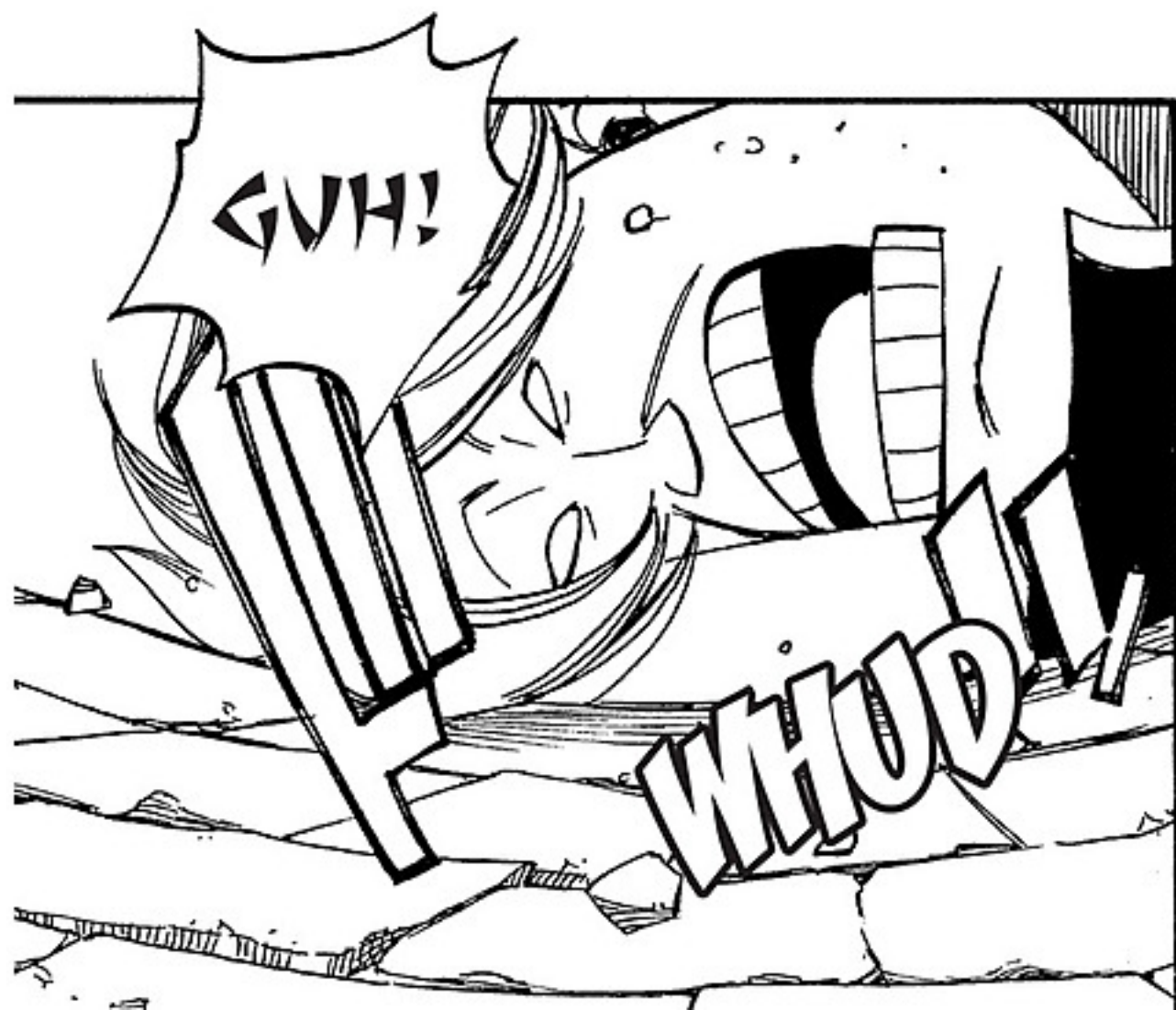
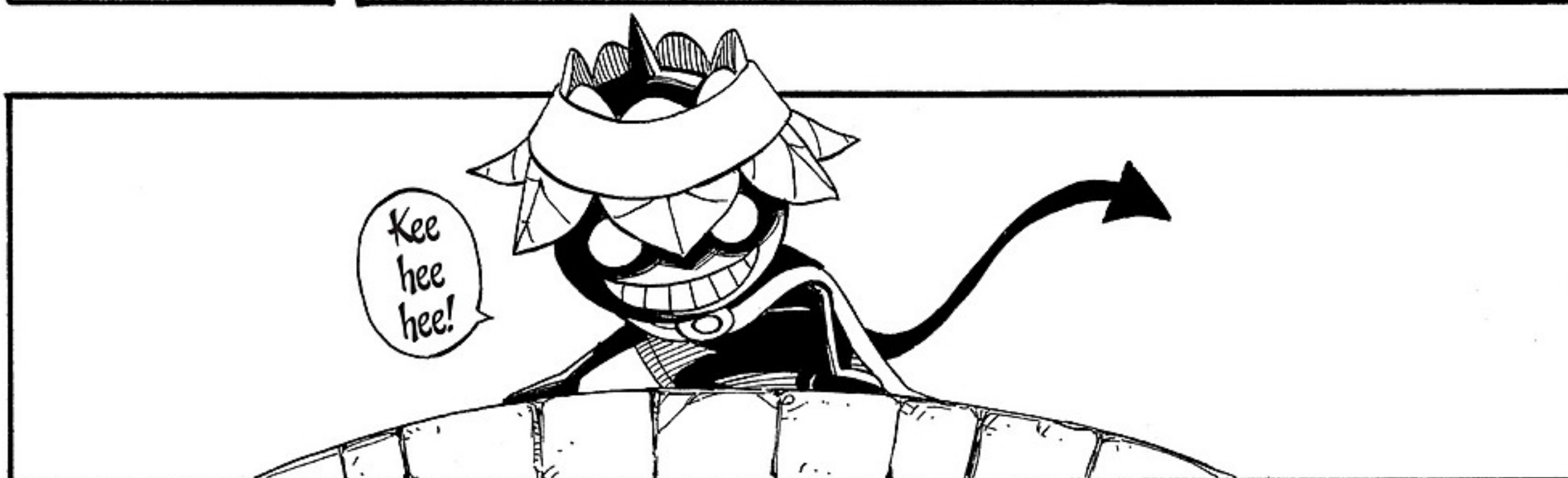


Are you afraid you'll *lose*?



What did you say...?





ざわ ざわ
CHATTER CHATTER

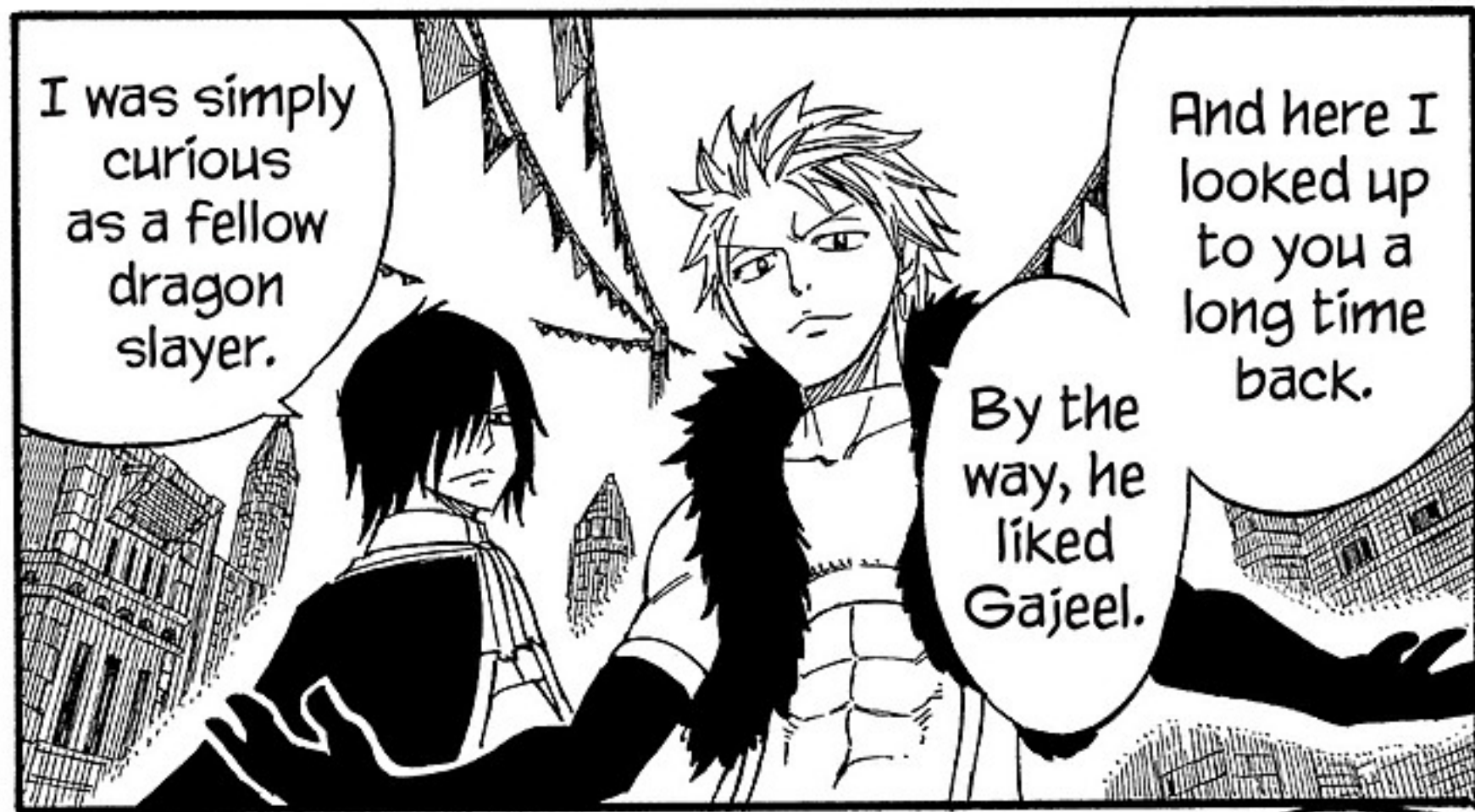
ざわ ざわ
CHATTER CHATTER

Anybody up
for some
more?

Not even
worth
talking
about!
Yeah.

Fro
thinks
so also.

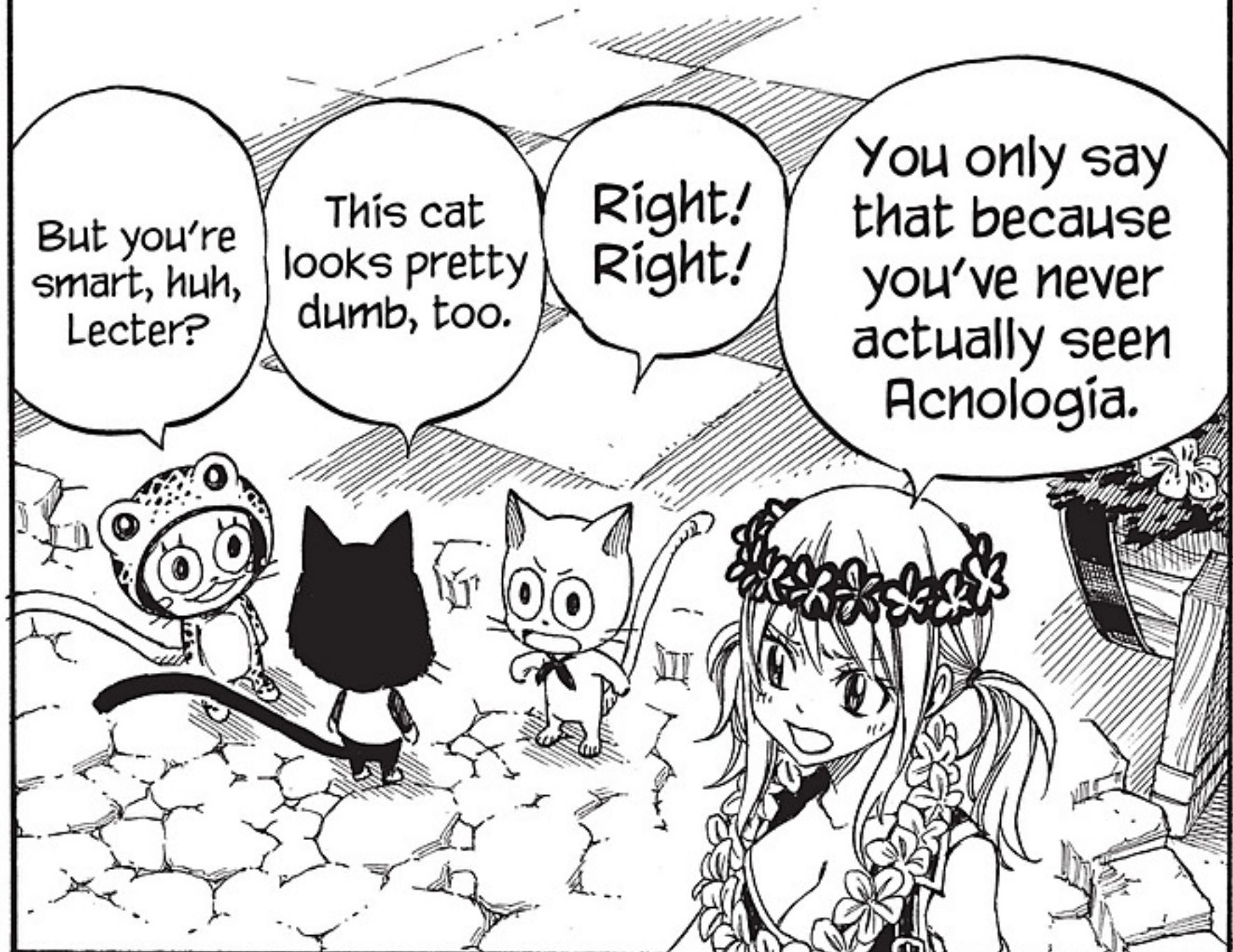






The difference is in our abilities as dragon slayers.

It doesn't matter whether we've seen it or not.

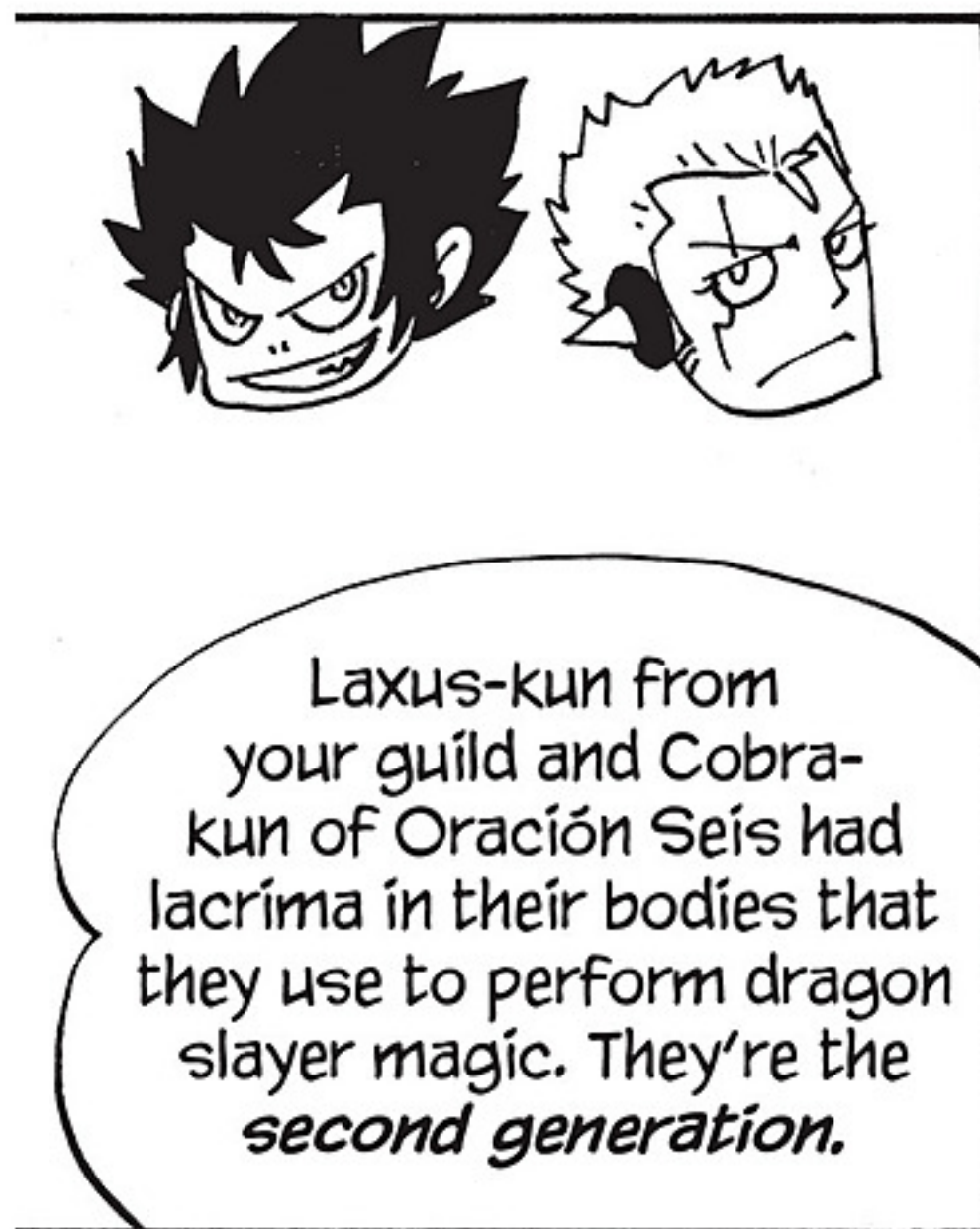


But you're smart, huh, Lecter?

This cat looks pretty dumb, too.

Right! Right!

You only say that because you've never actually seen Aenologia.



Lexus-kun from your guild and Cobra-kun of Oración Seis had lacrima in their bodies that they use to perform dragon slayer magic. They're the *second generation*.



Natsu-kun and his group learned dragon slayer magic from dragons. They're what's called the *first generation* dragon slayers.



Maybe I should explain.



So your dragons vanished in the year 777 too?



Let's spell it out for him.

In a manner of speaking.

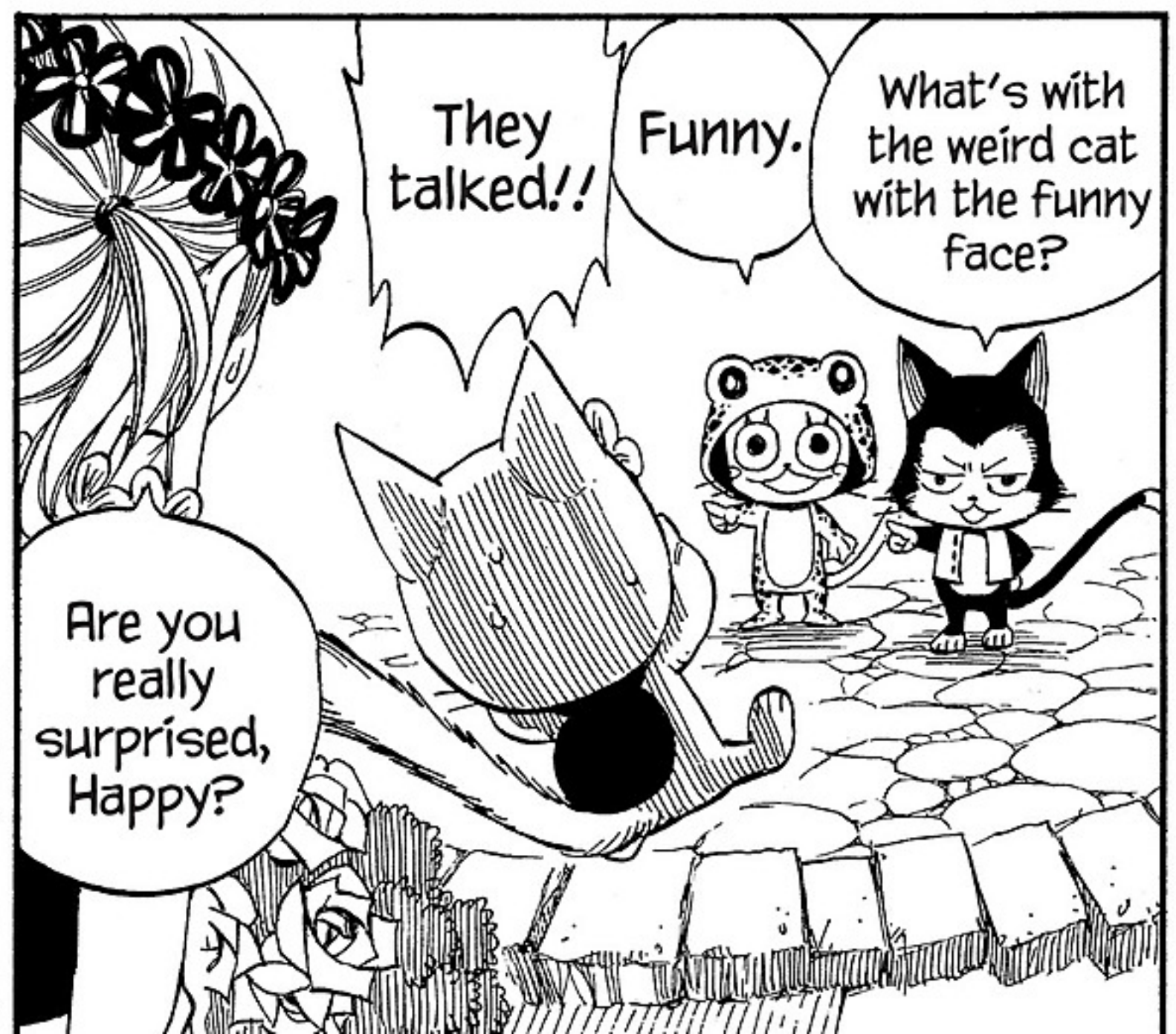
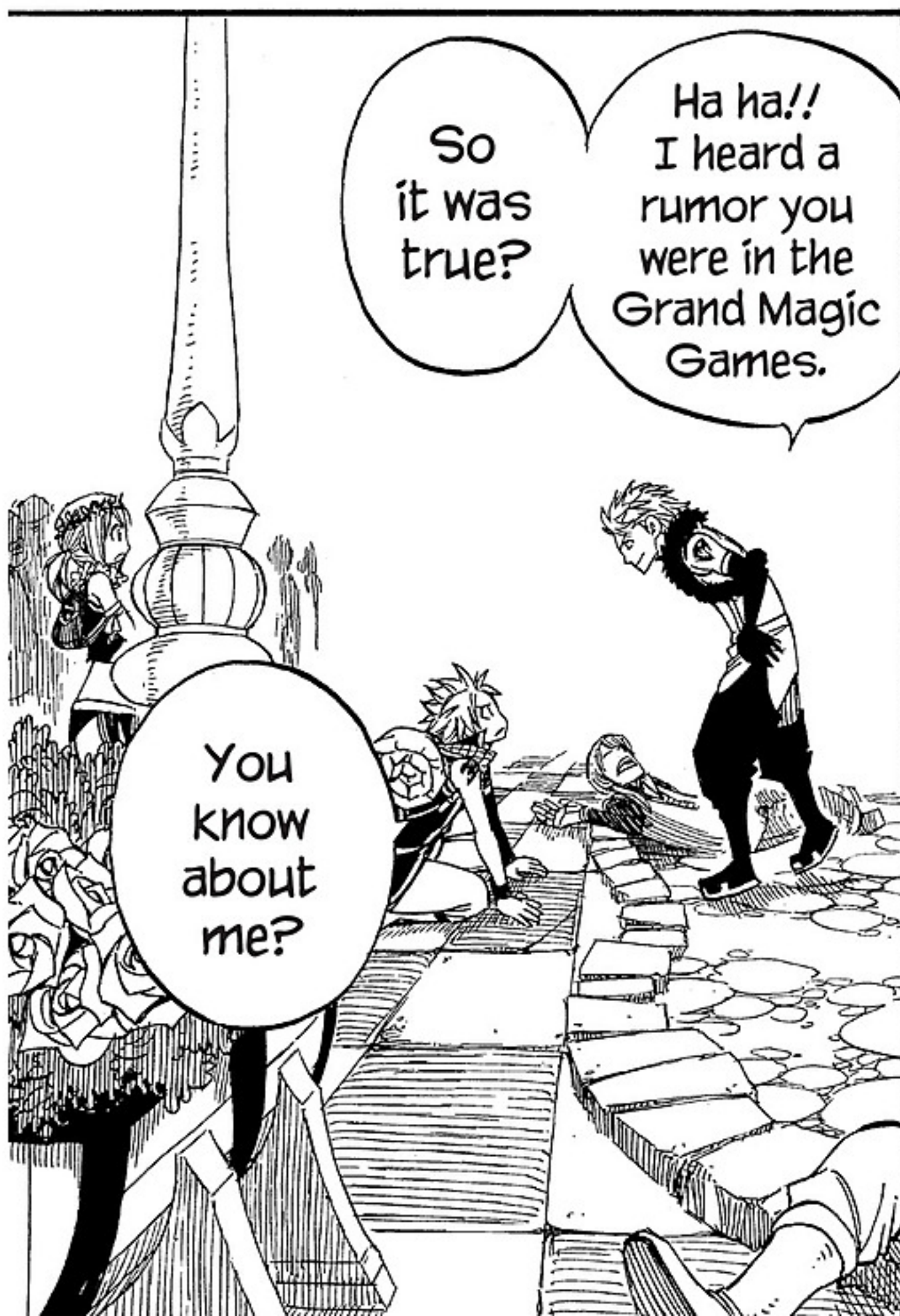
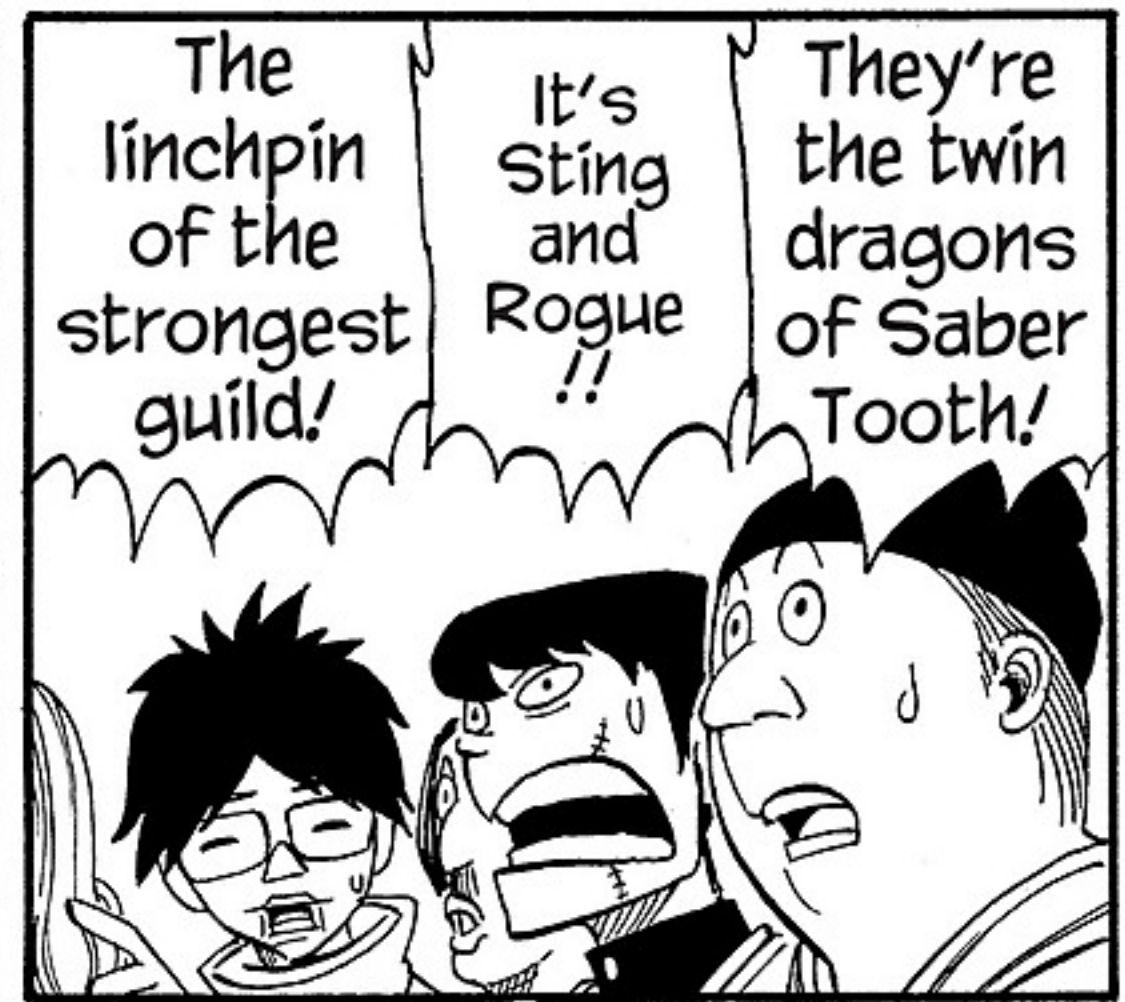


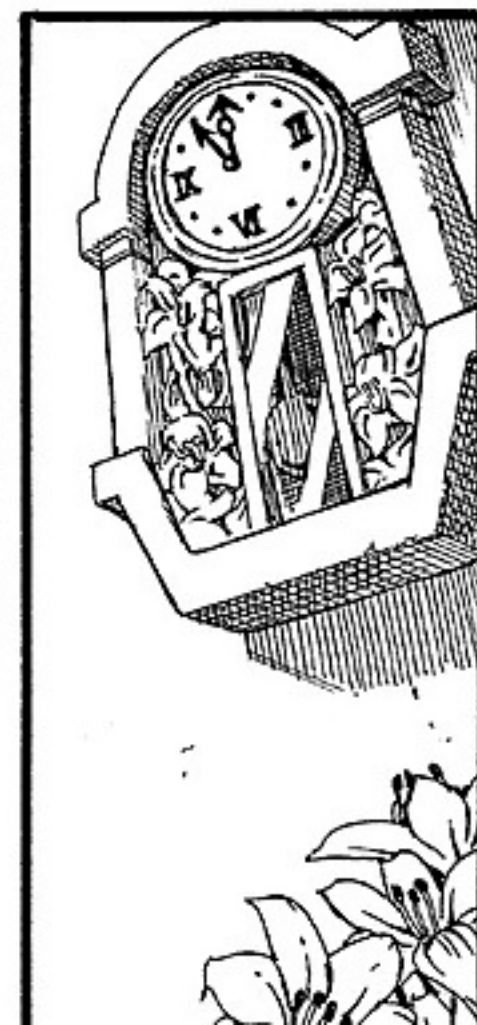
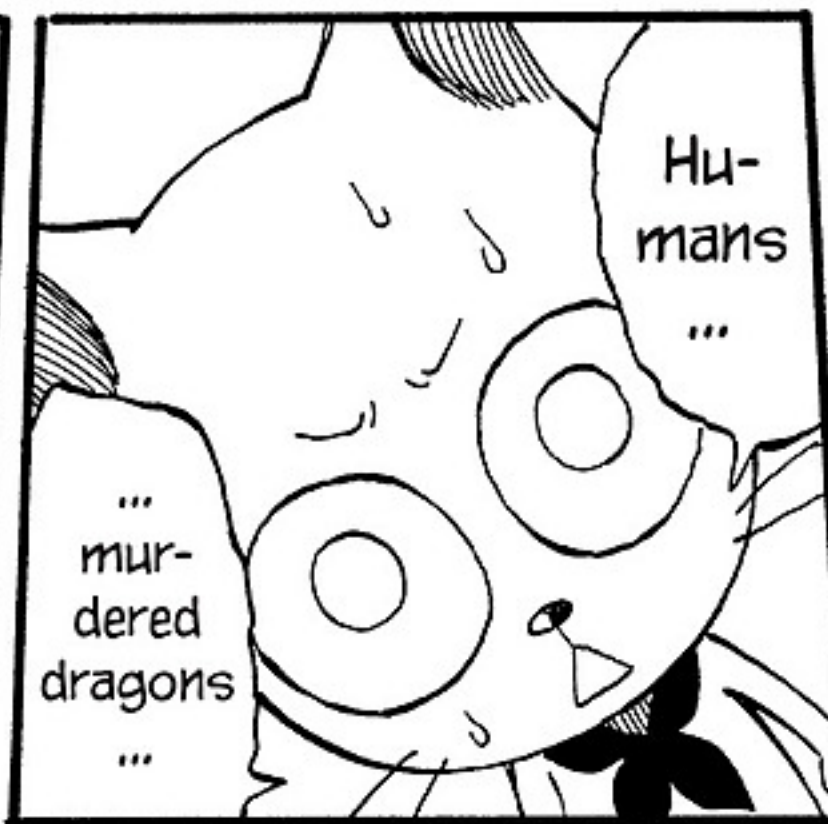
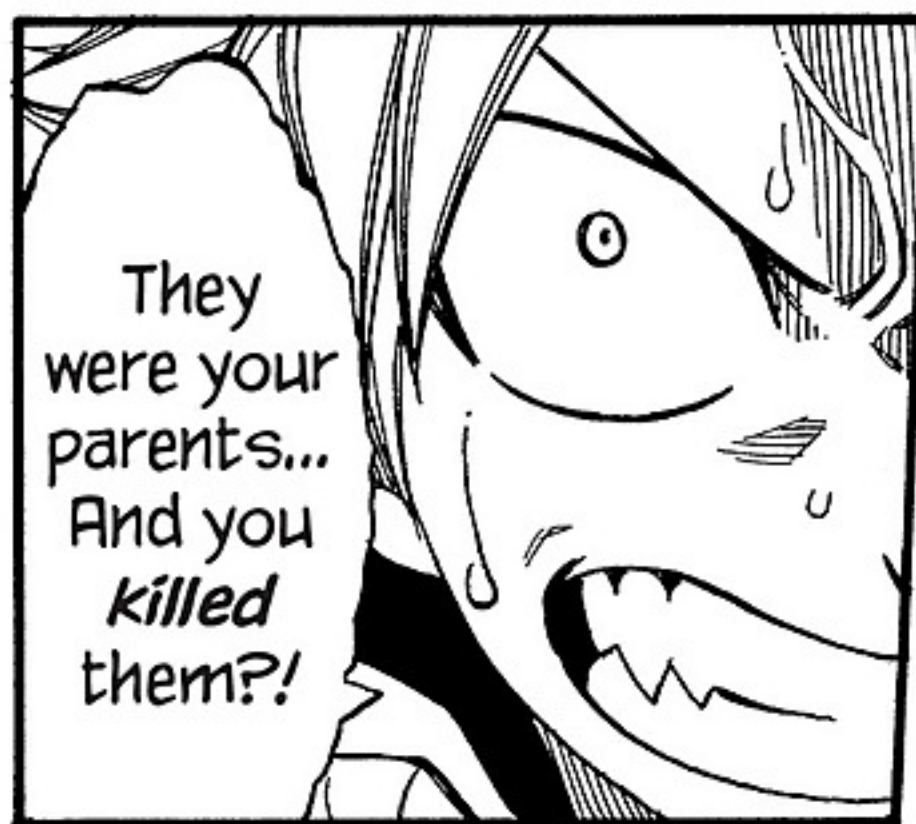
The strongest dragon slayers.

...are hybrids who both learned the magic from dragons and have lacrima in their bodies. The *third generation*.

But now Sting-kun and Rogue-kun...

Third generation?





FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 266: Sky Labyrinth

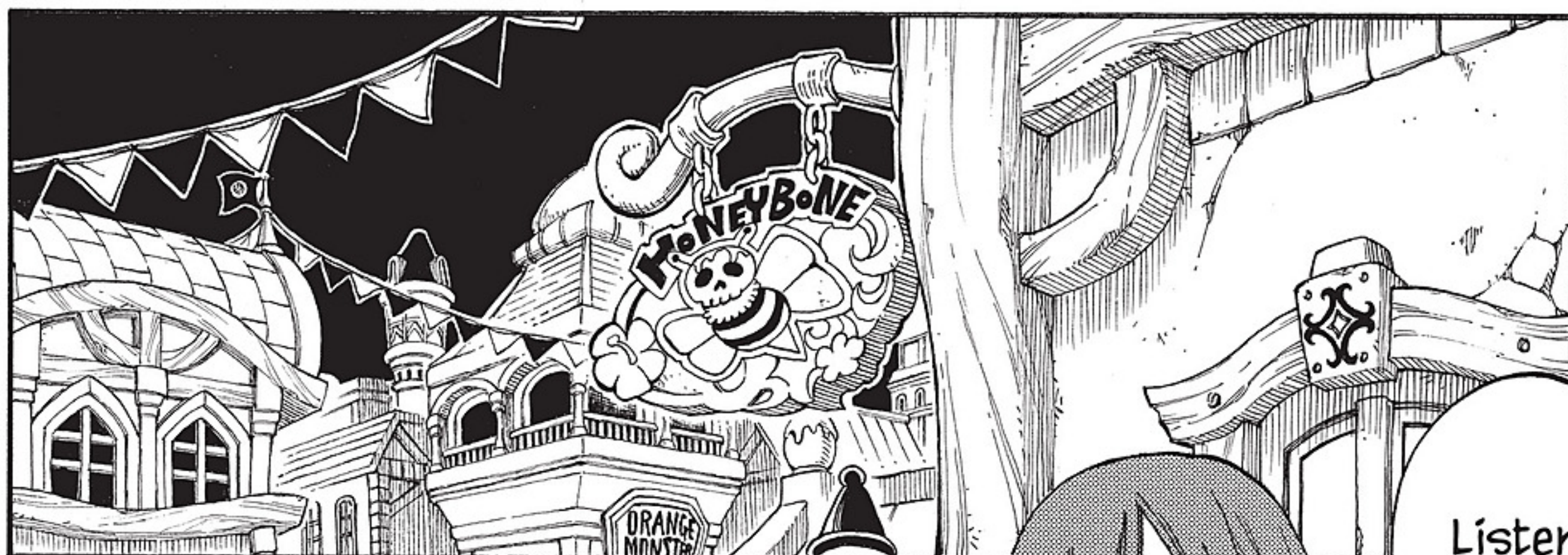


FAIRY TAIL	
Name:	Max Alors
Age:	24
Magic:	Sandstorm
Likes:	Bars
Dislikes:	Being alone



Remarks

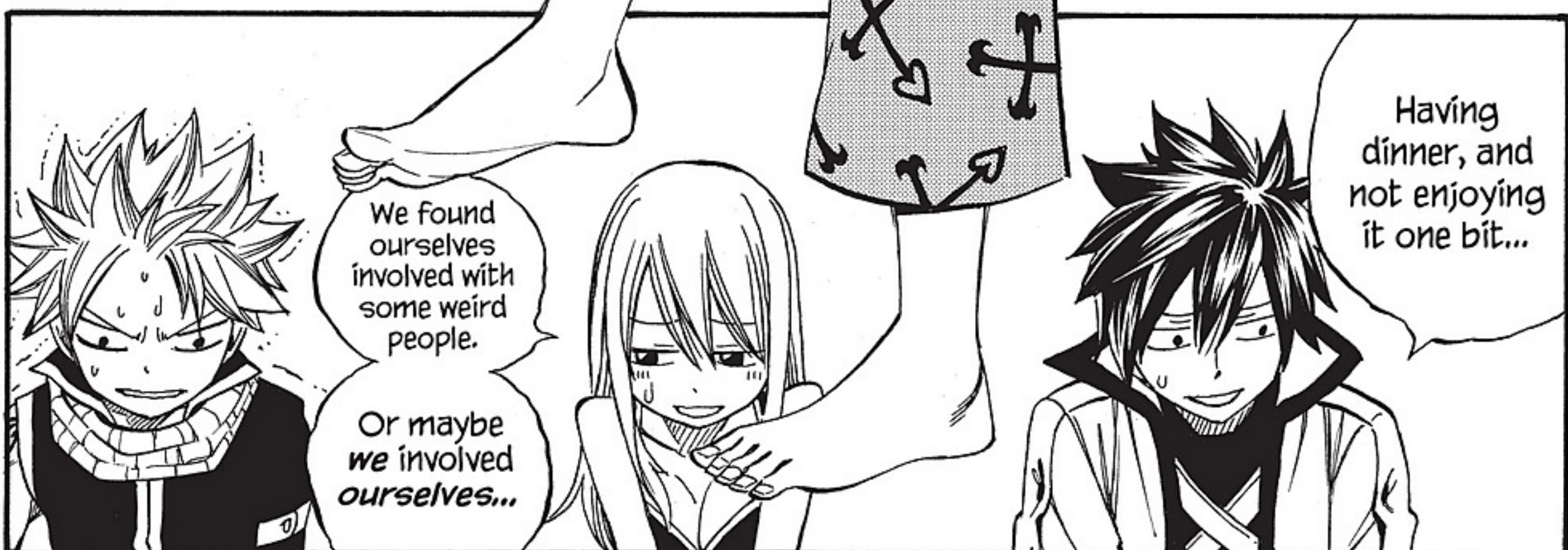
One of his favorite things in the world is talking to people, so while the Sirius Island group was gone, the number of people in the guild decreased, and this pained him. Before, he'd work the guild's gift shop, plan and run events, talk to the public and do master-of-ceremonies work, but as the guild got weaker, his constant talk was reduced a little bit. The people around him started to think he had finally quieted down, but when the Sirius Island group came back, his motor mouth returned.



Listen,
you!



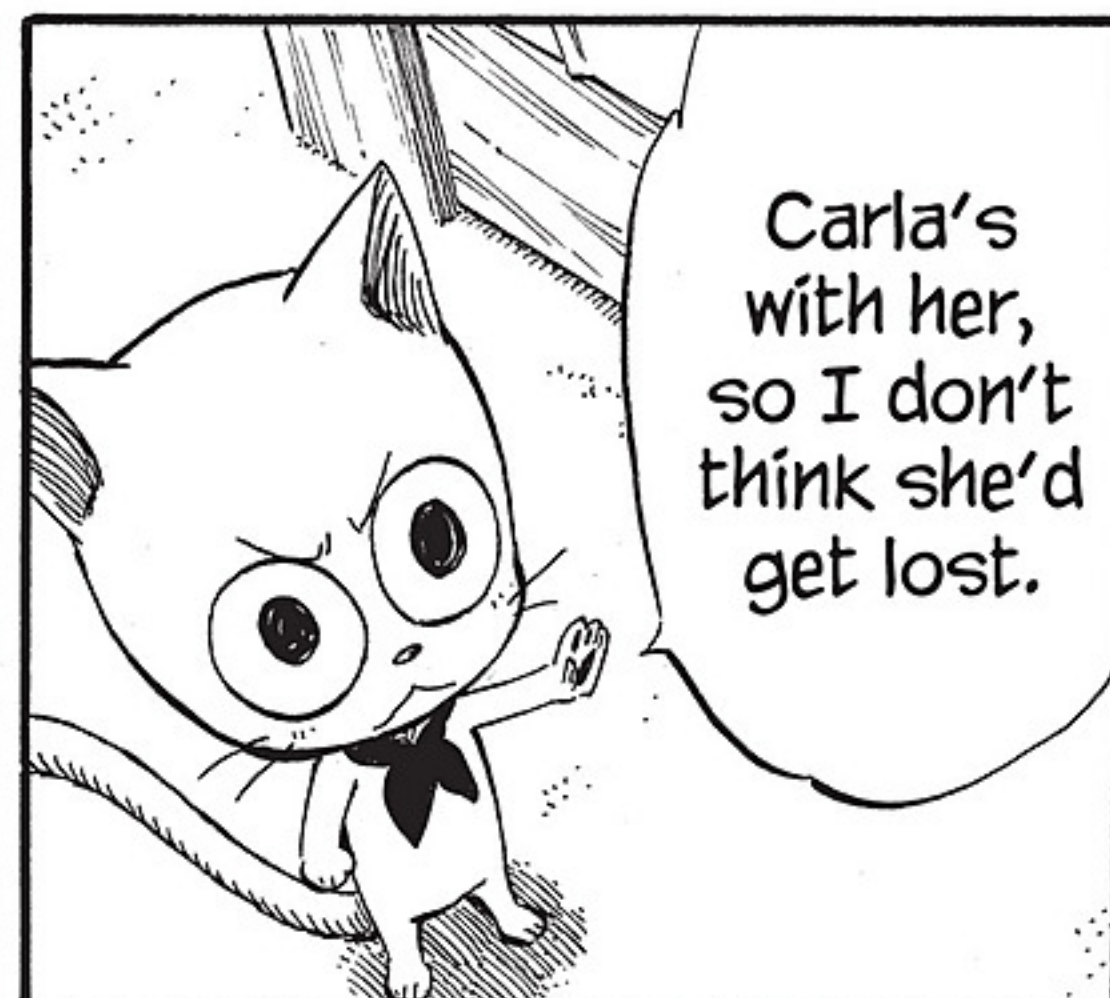
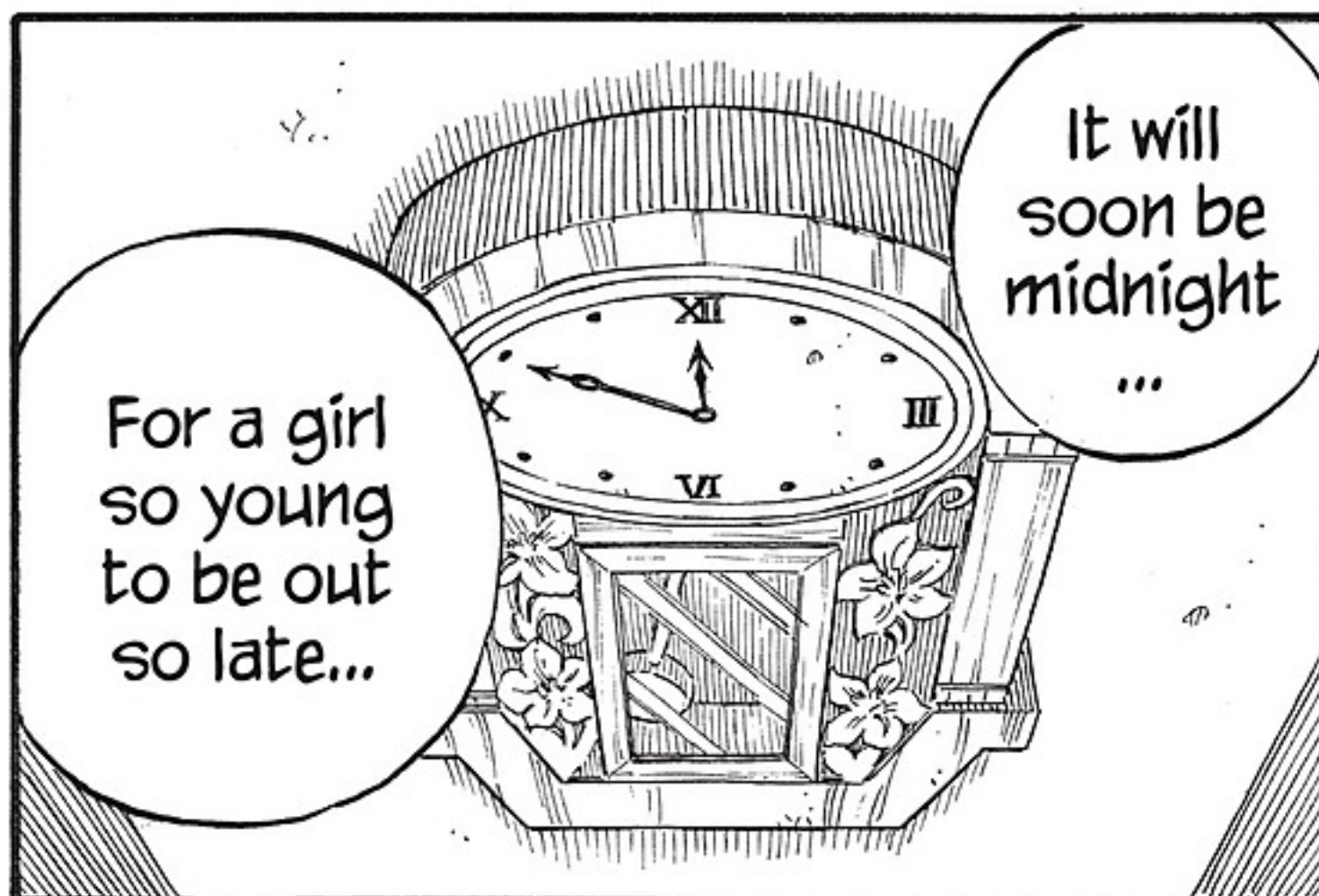
Where have
you been all
this time?

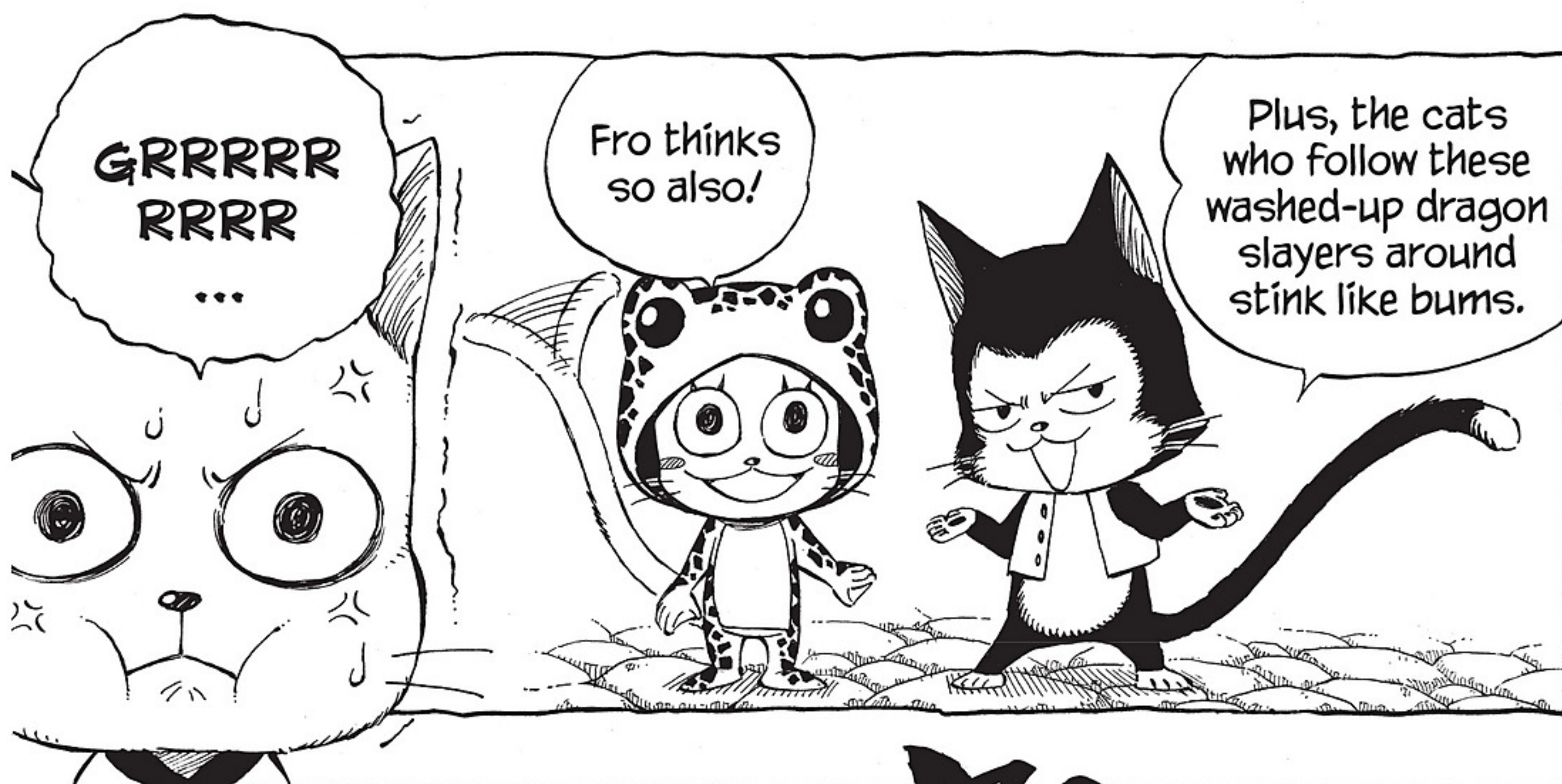
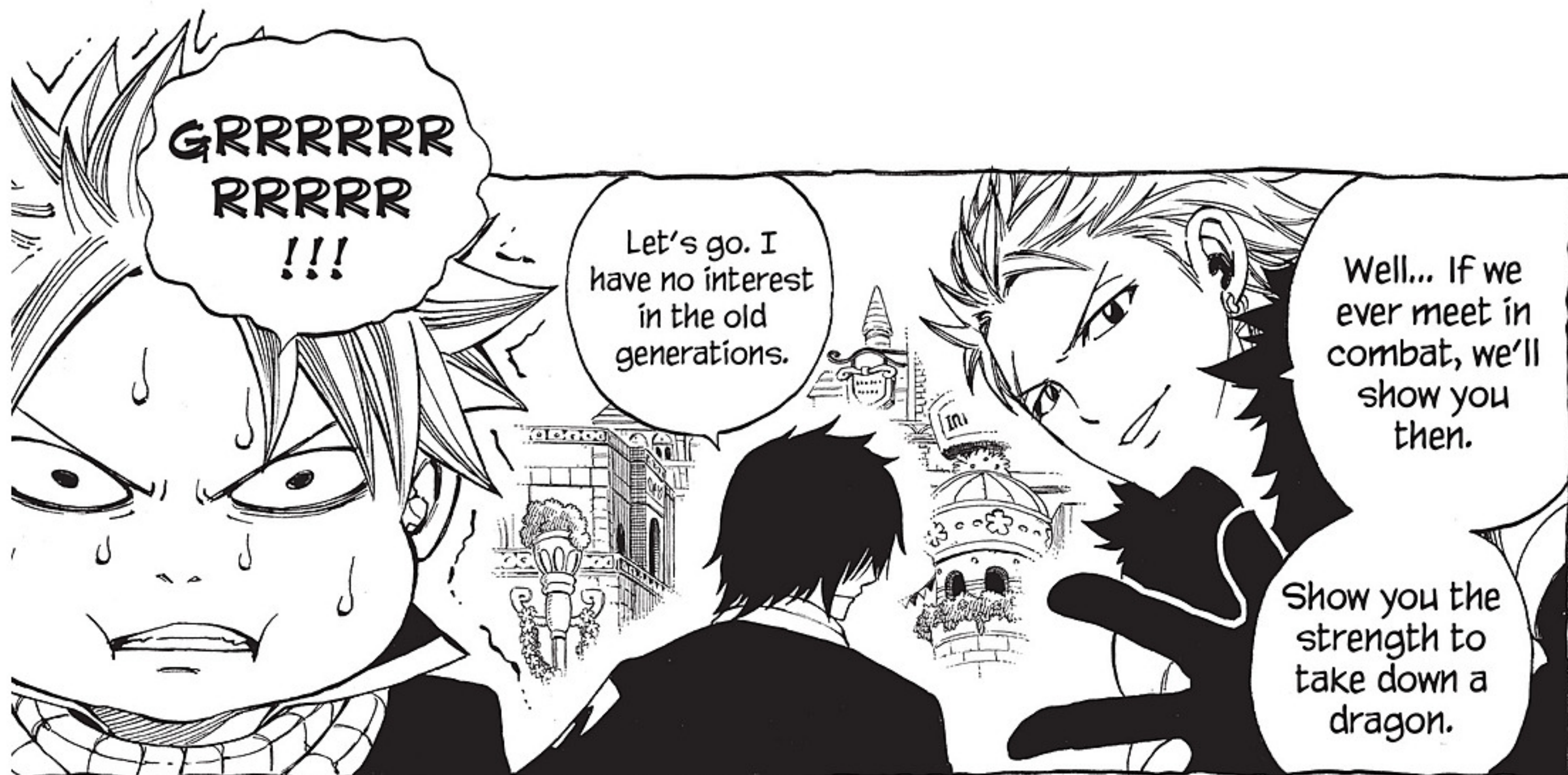


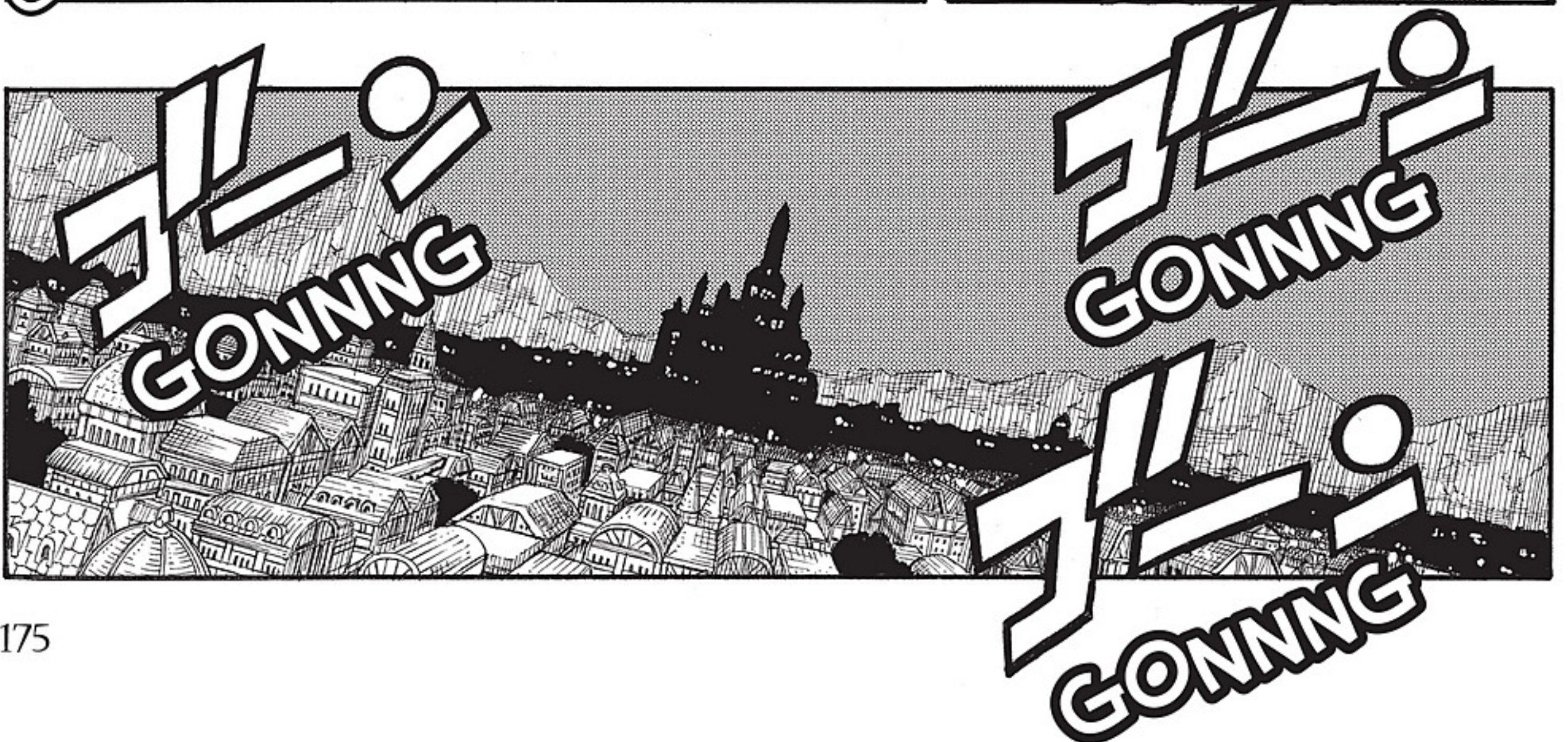
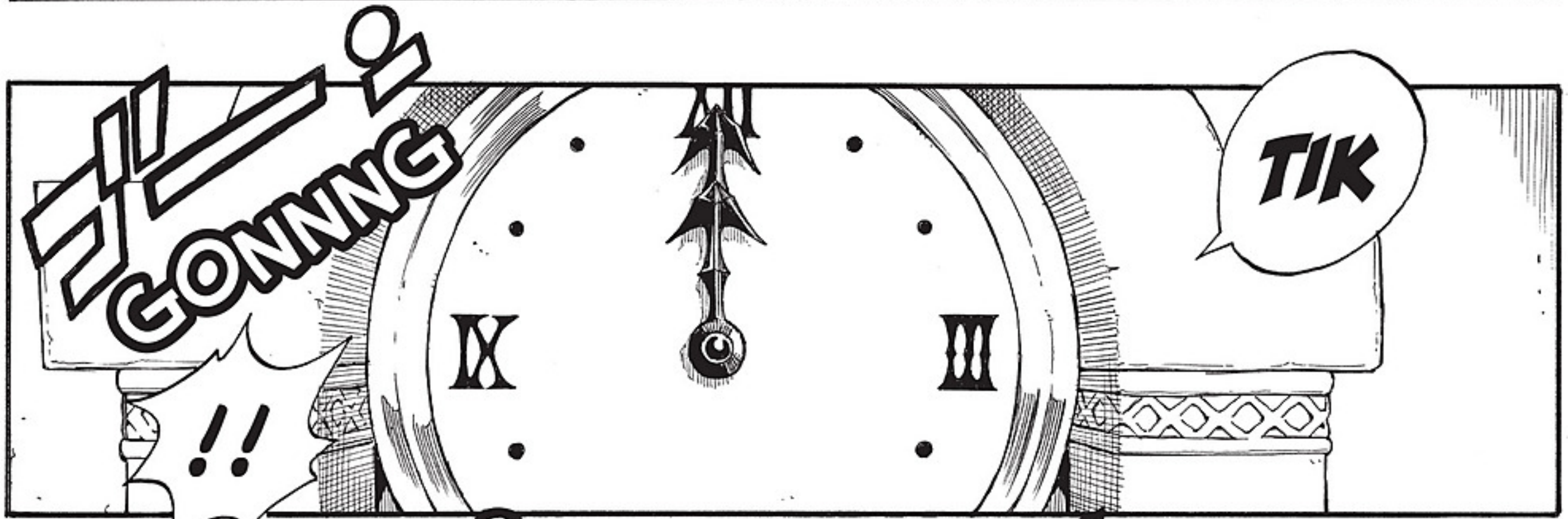
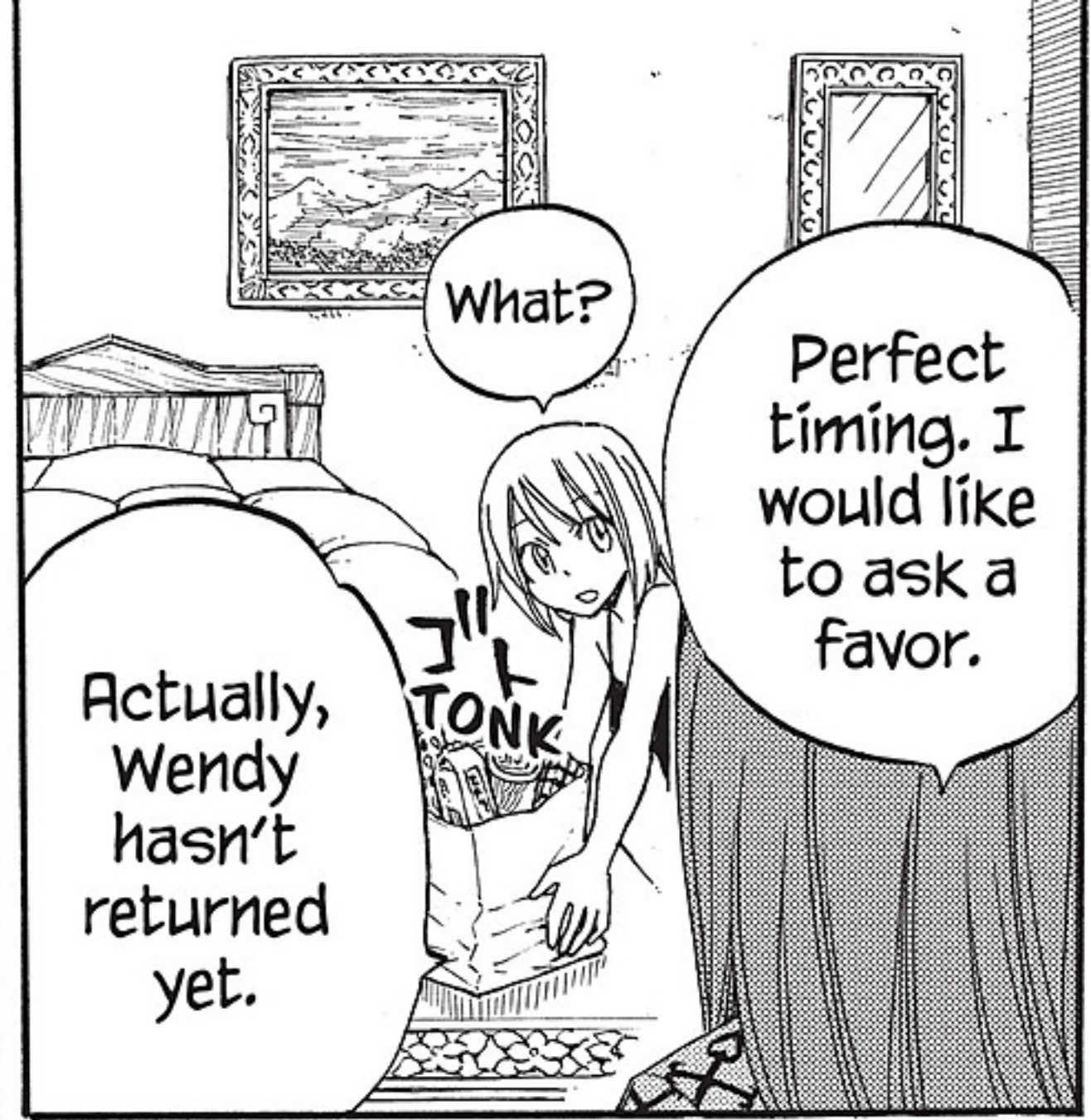
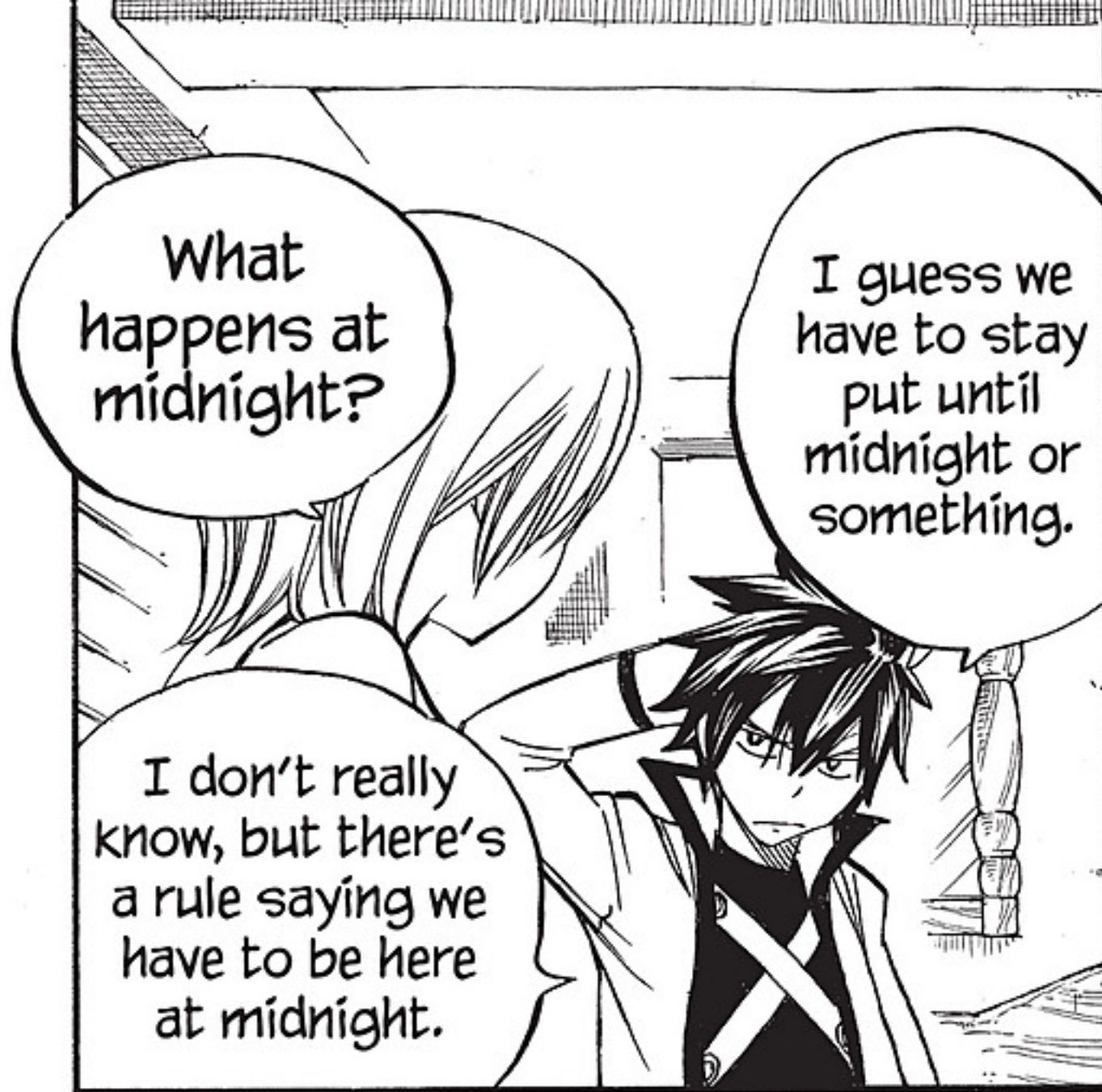
Having
dinner, and
not enjoying
it one bit...

We found
ourselves
involved with
some weird
people.

Or maybe
we involved
ourselves...





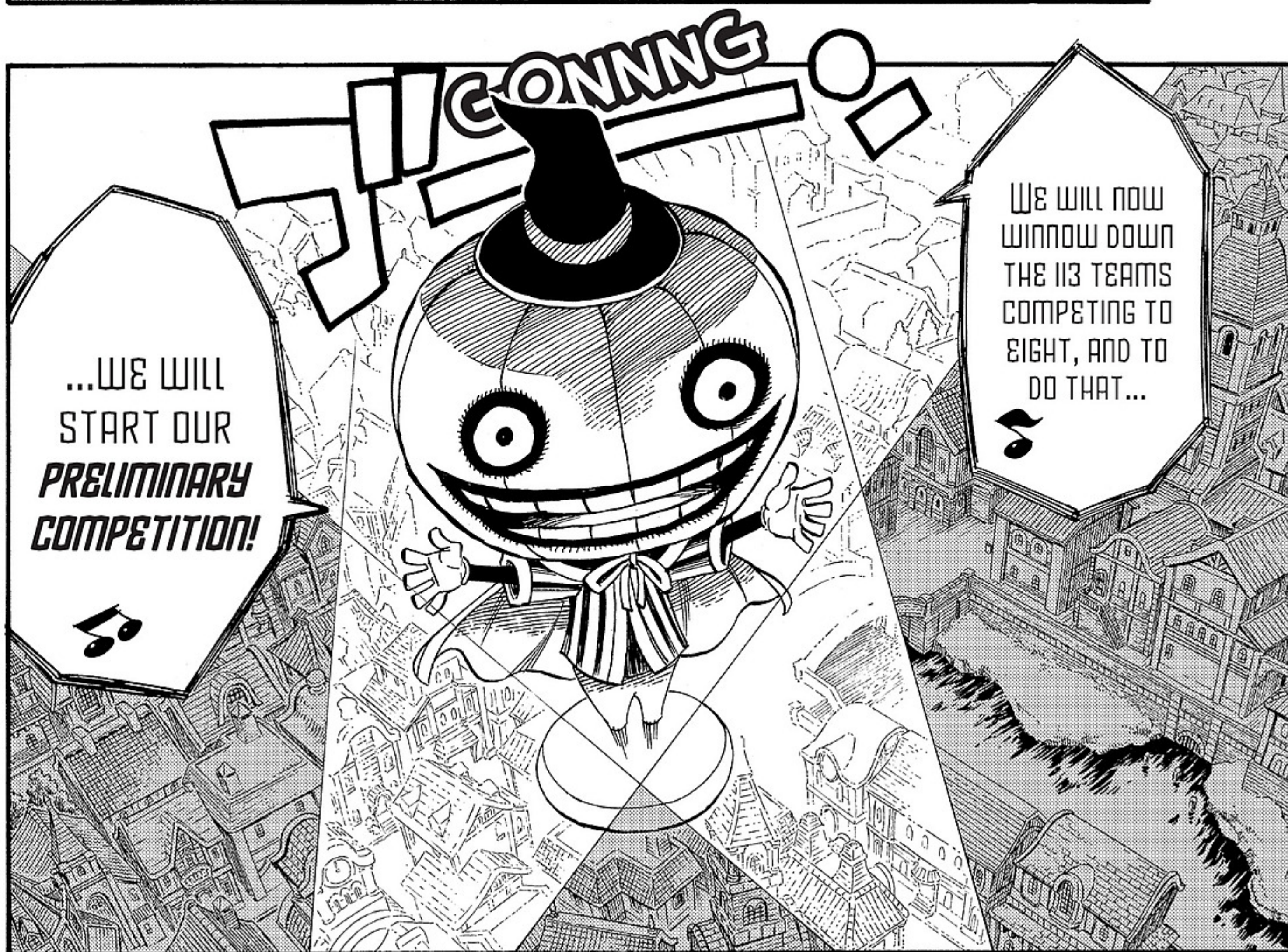




GOOD
MORNING!

TO ALL THE
GUILDS WHO HAVE
GATHERED FOR
OUR GRAND MAGIC
GAMES...

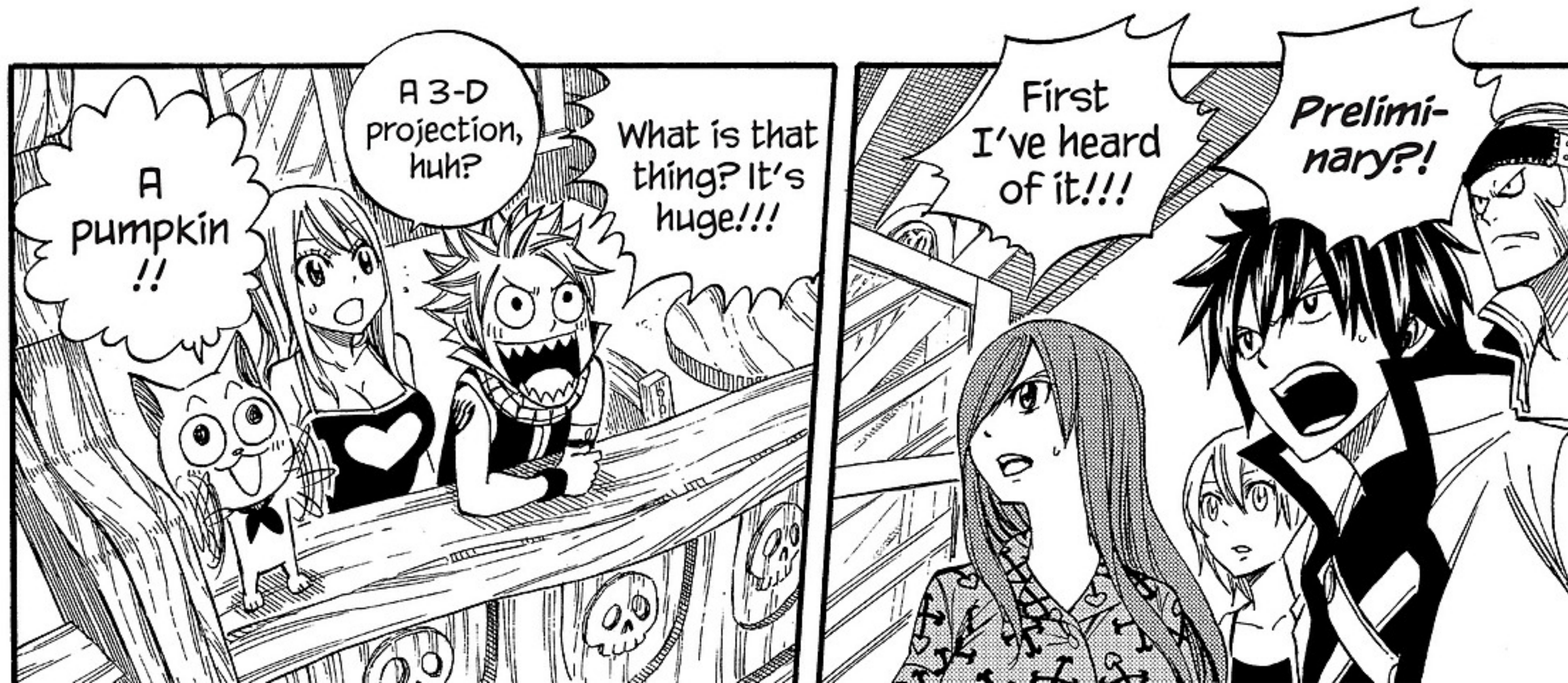
GONNNG



...WE WILL
START OUR
**PRELIMINARY
COMPETITION!**

WE WILL NOW
WINNOWN DOWN
THE 113 TEAMS
COMPETING TO
EIGHT, AND TO
DO THAT...

GONNNG



A
pumpkin
!!

A 3-D
projection,
huh?

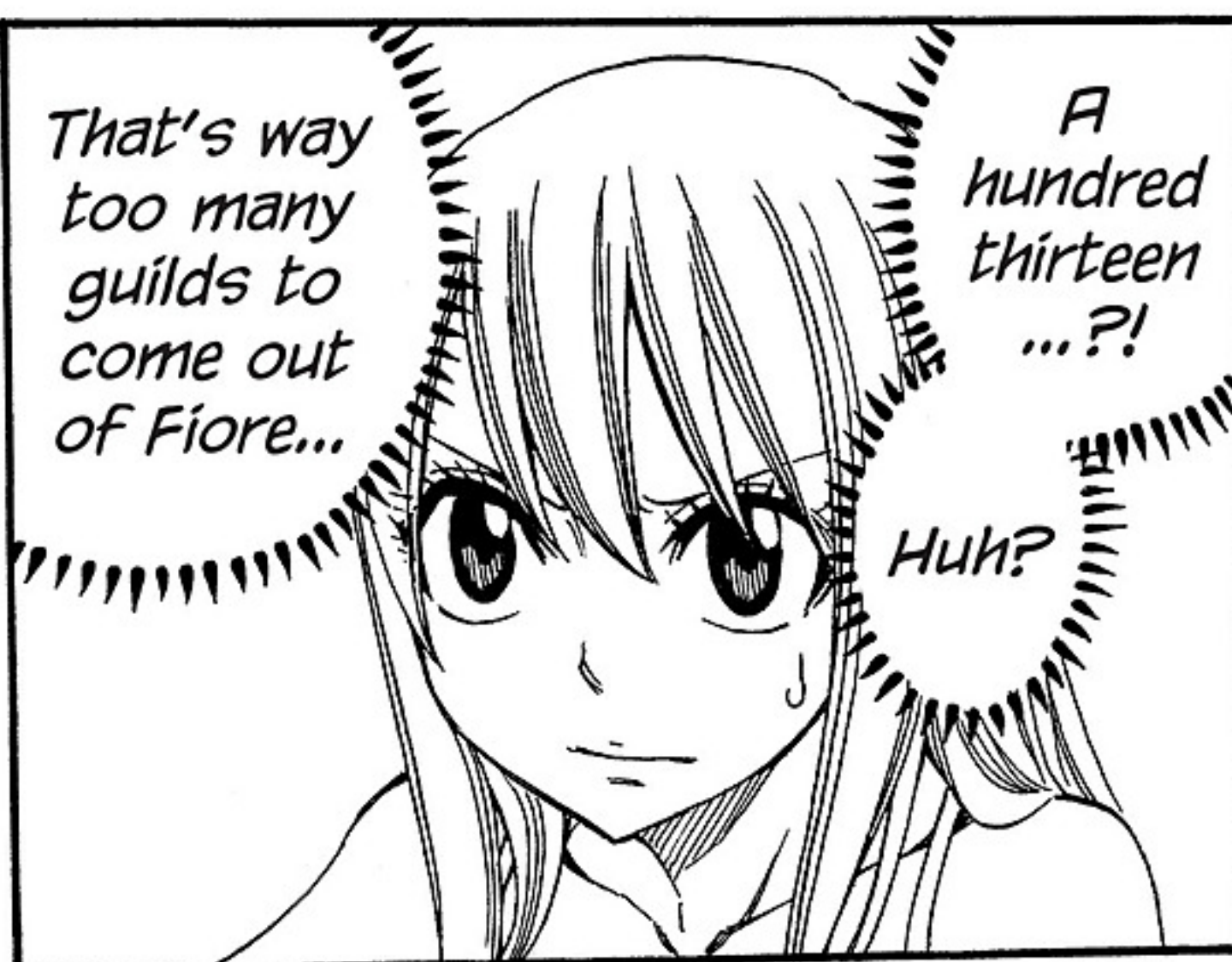
What is that
thing? It's
huge!!!

First
I've heard
of it!!!

**Prelimi-
nary?!**

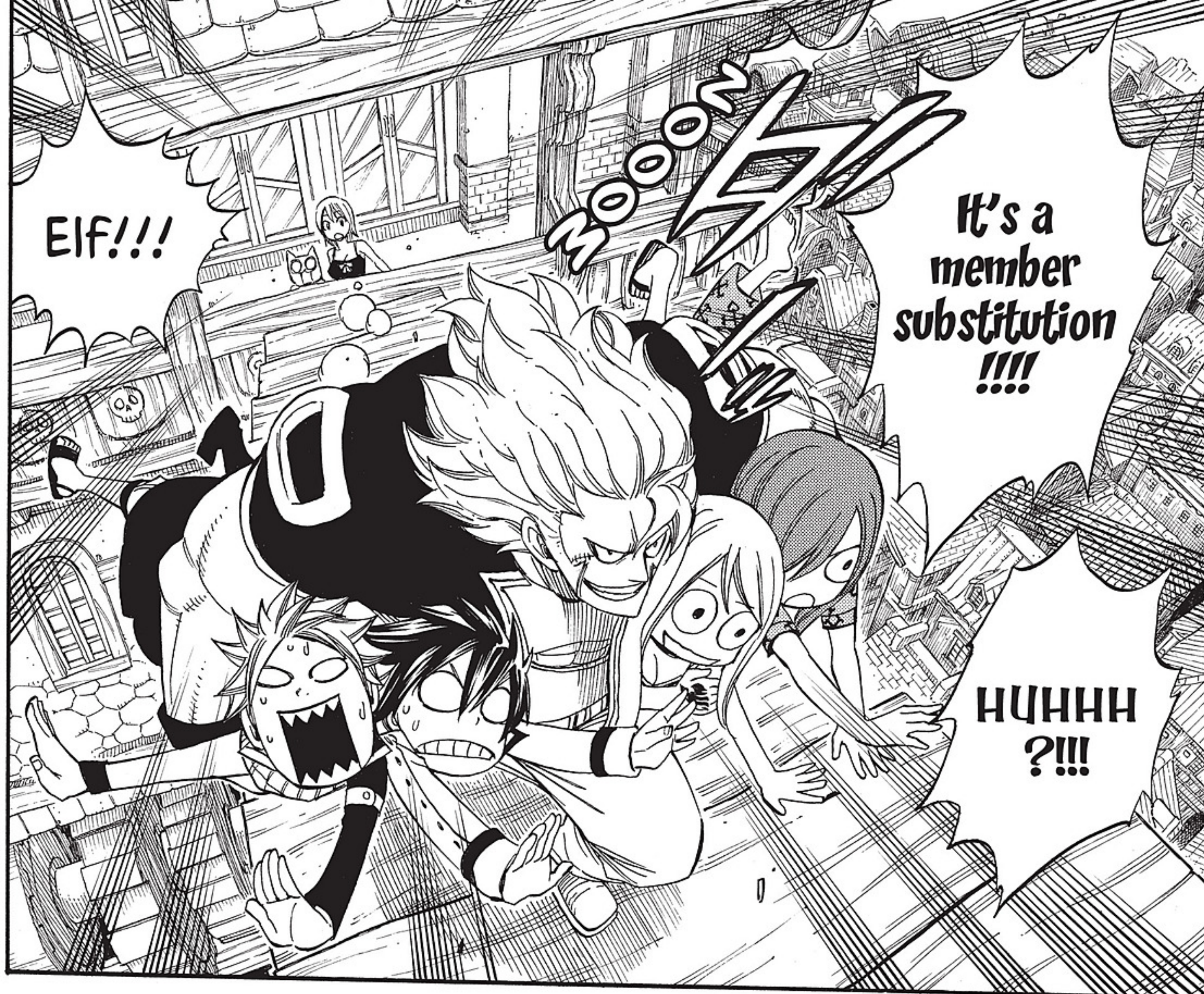


So midnight was the time when the prelims start?









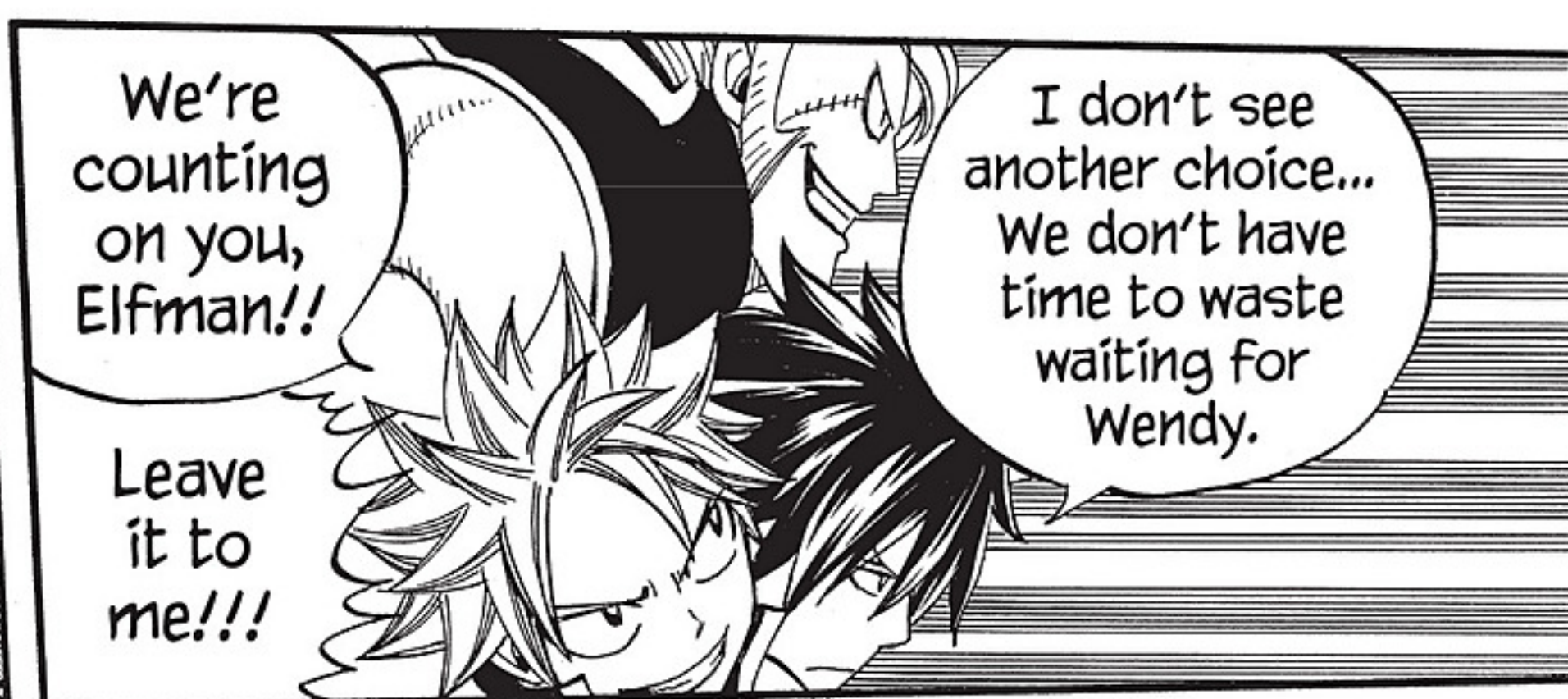
Elf!!!

It's a
member
substitution
!!!!

HUH??
?!!!



Lisanna!!
Happy!!



We're
counting
on you,
Elfman!!

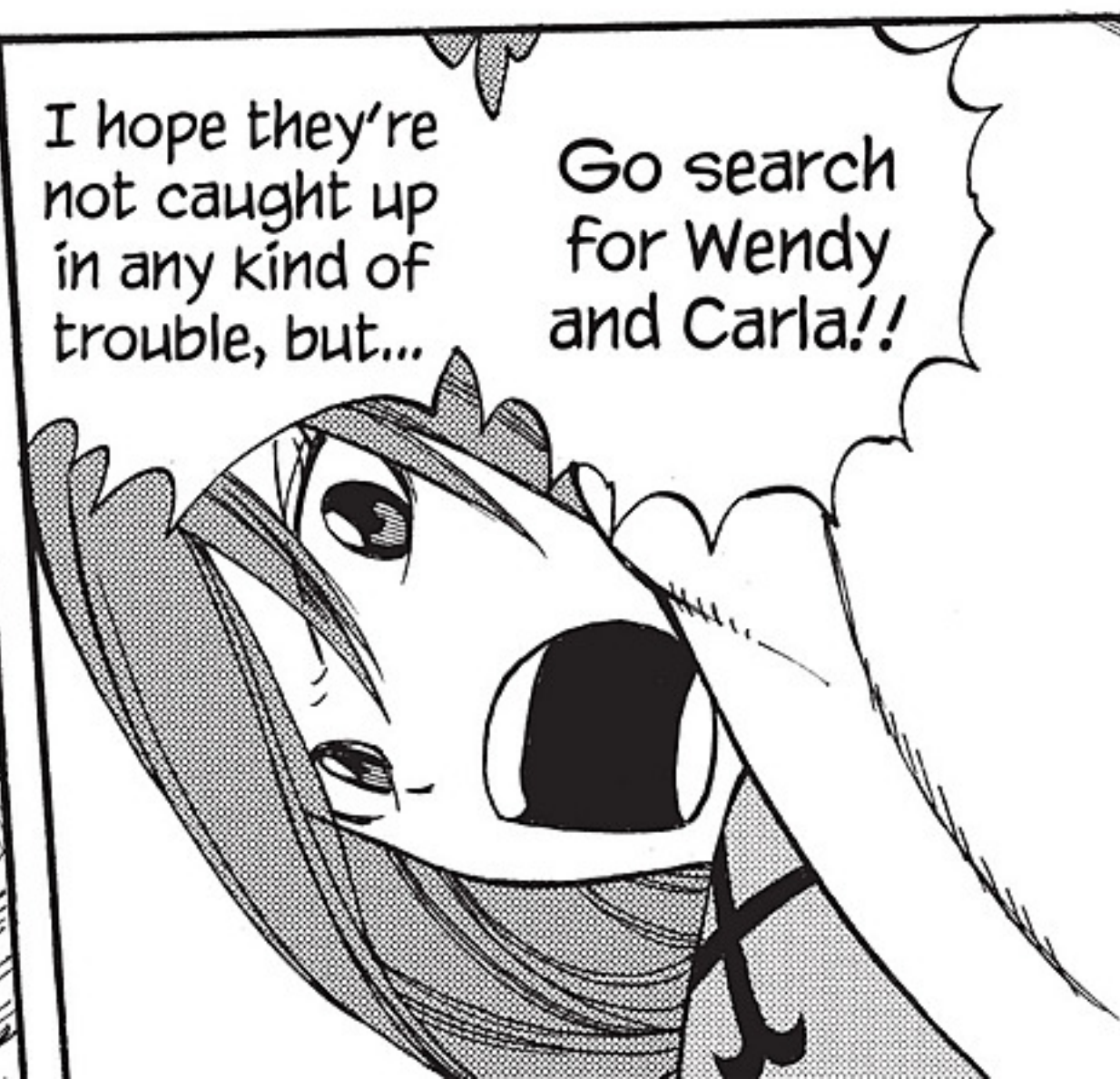
Leave
it to
me!!!

I don't see
another choice...
We don't have
time to waste
waiting for
Wendy.



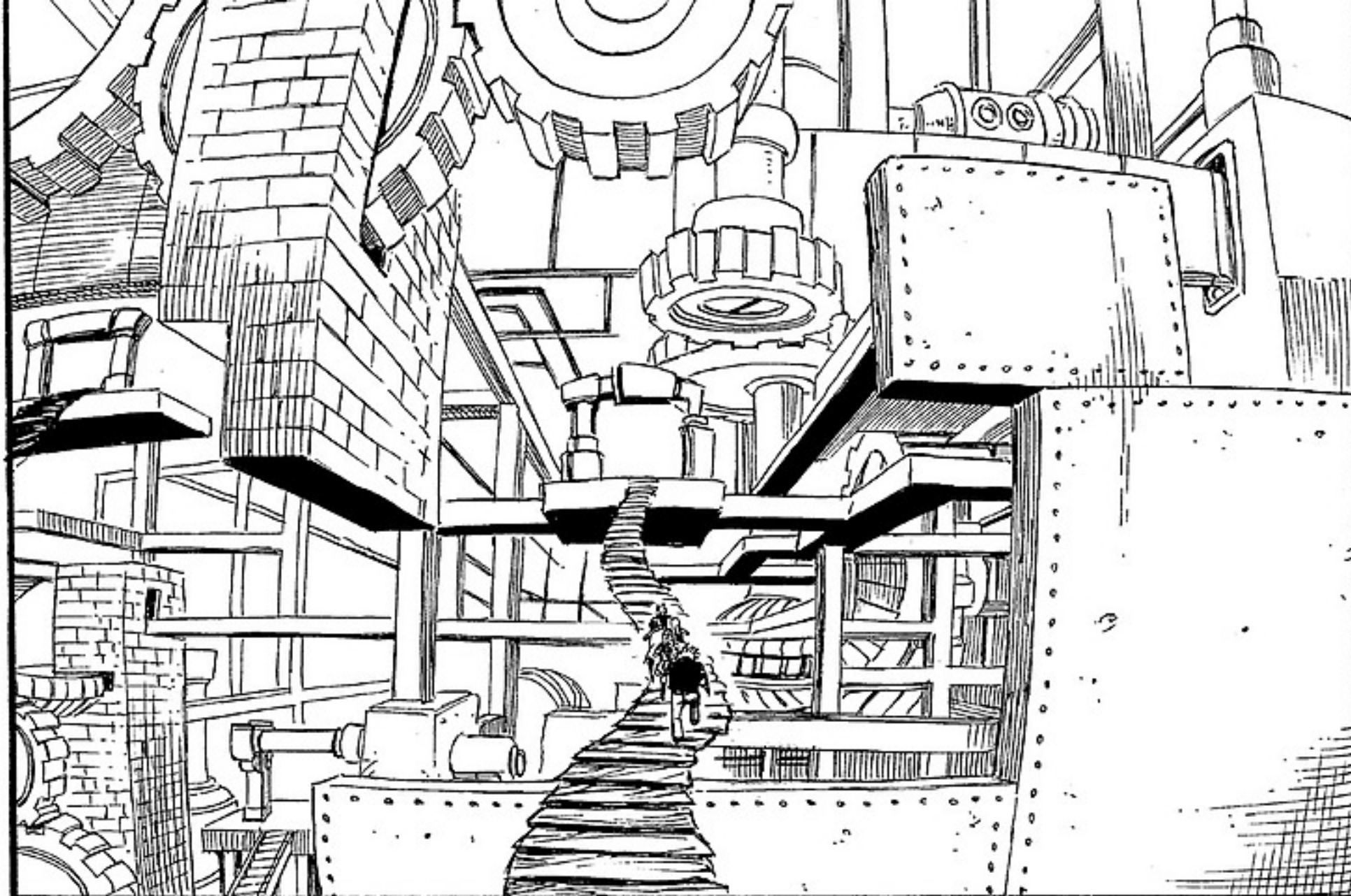
Give it
your best,
everybody!!

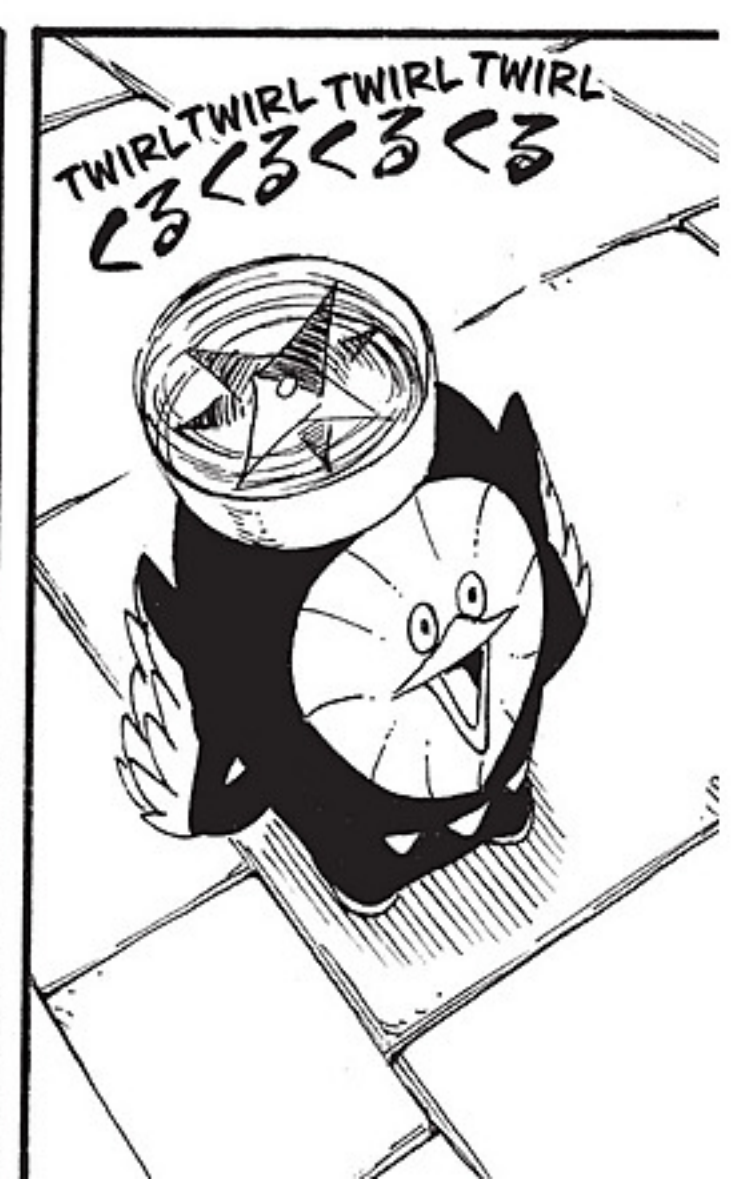
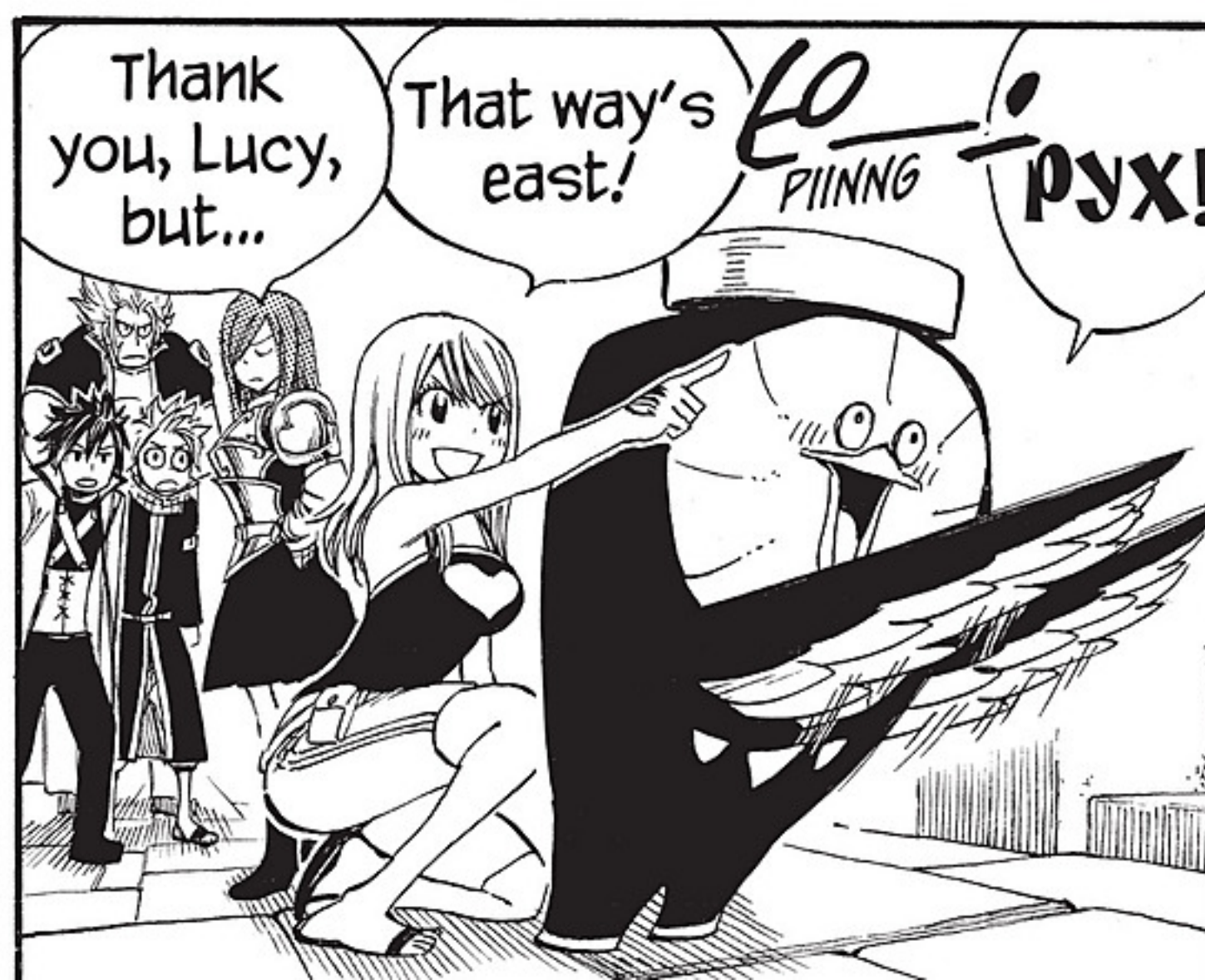
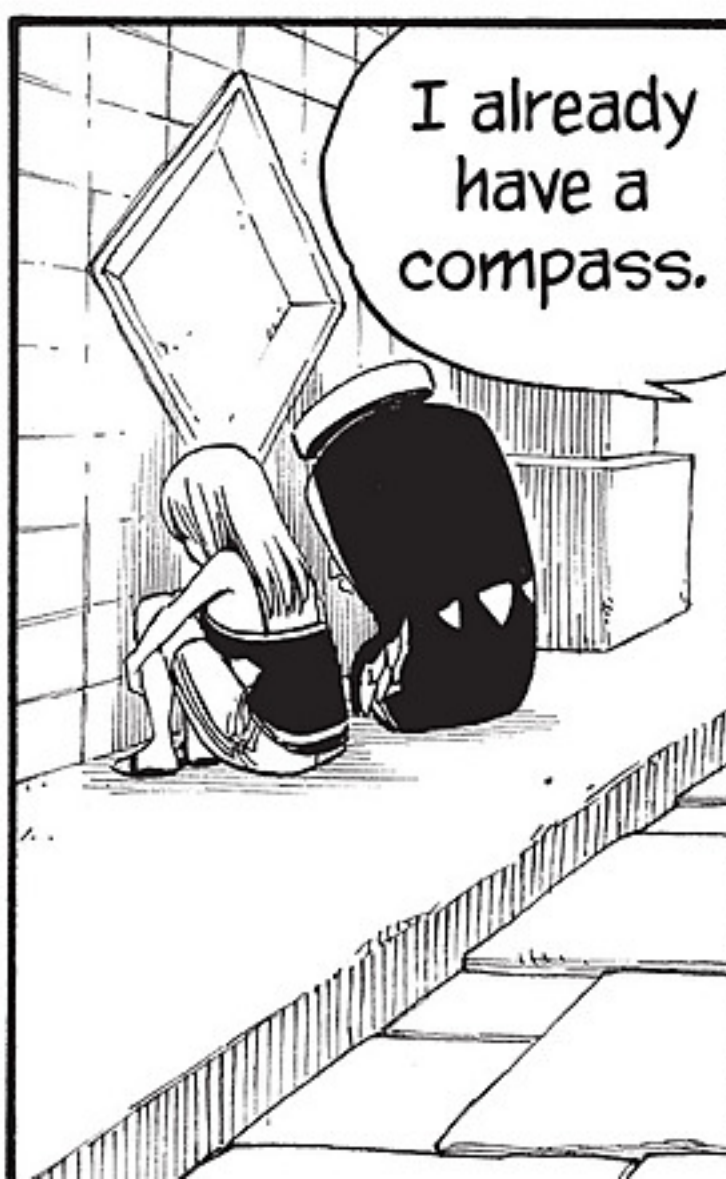
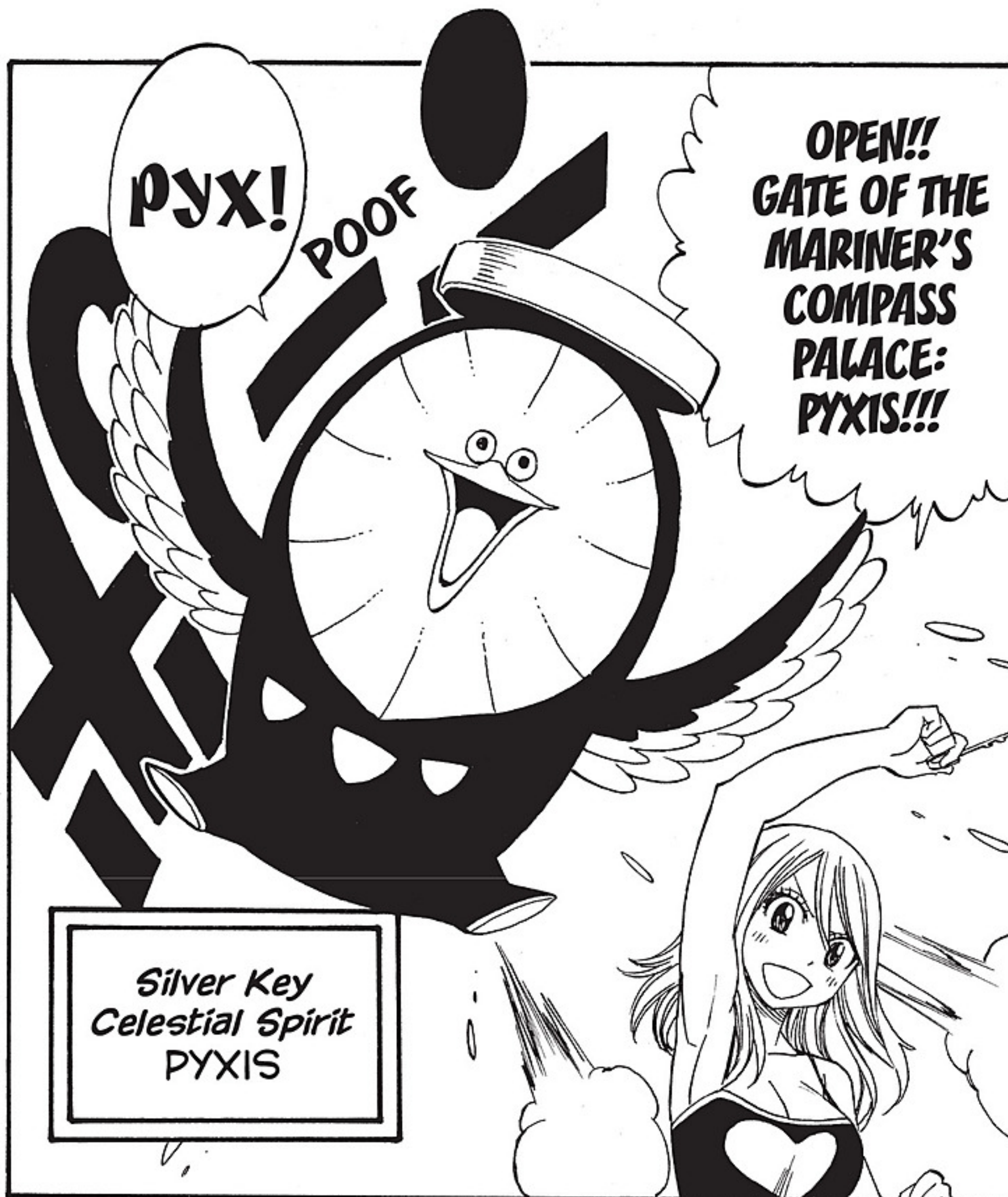
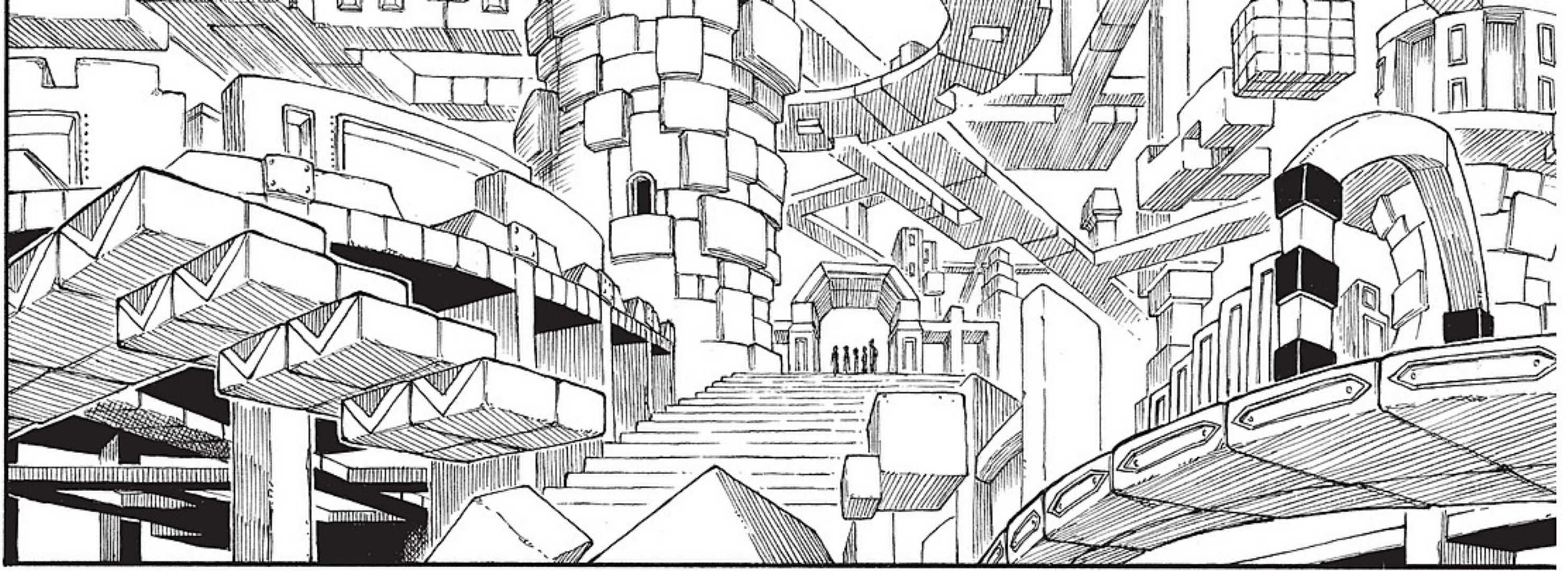
I will!! I'll call
in a bunch of
guild members
to help!



I hope they're
not caught up
in any kind of
trouble, but...

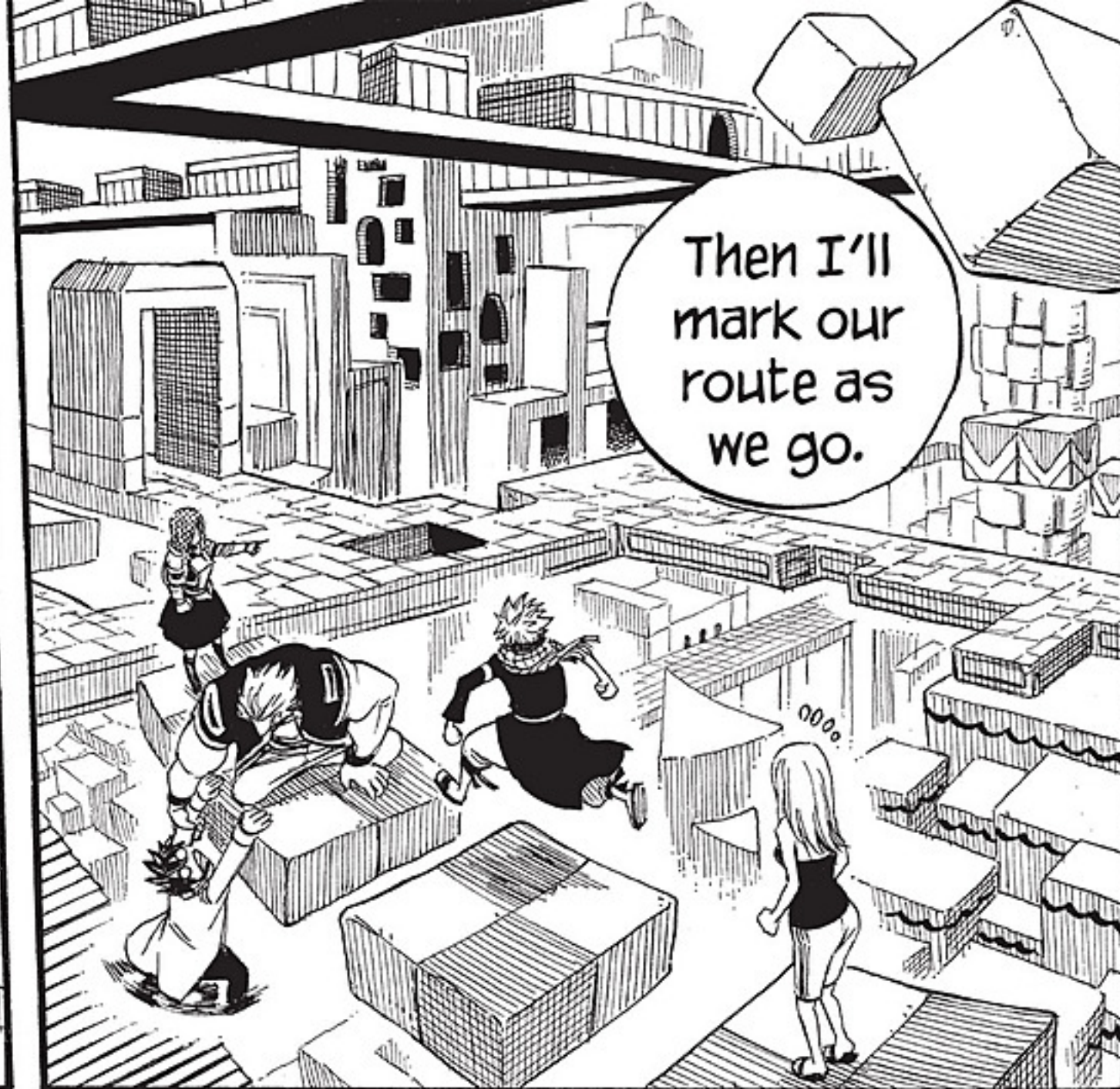
Go search
for Wendy
and Carla!!







Oh, you mean like mapping?



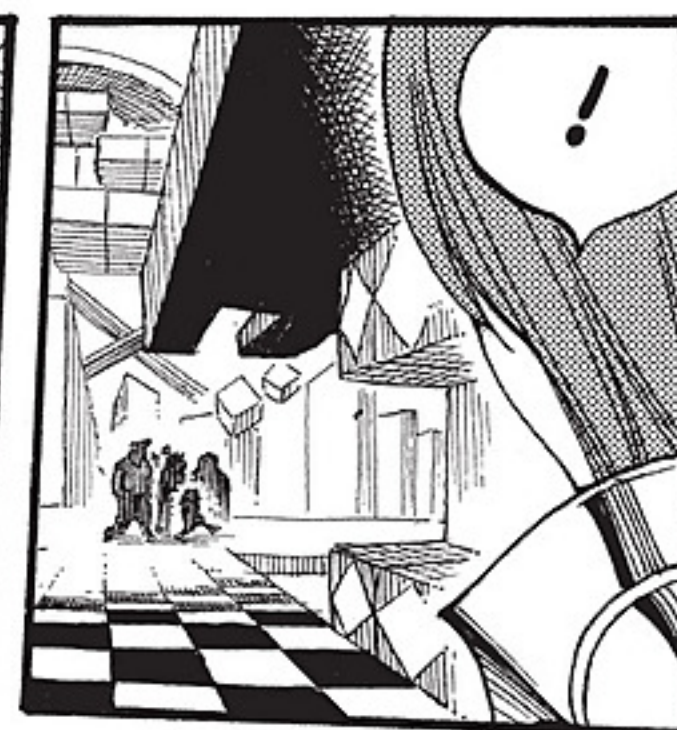
Then I'll mark our route as we go.



It's Twilight Ogre?!!!

So THEY'RE in the games too?

!!!



!



Makes sense. The teams from other guilds are trying to get through the maze too.

Someone is there!



I always wanted some payback from them!!!!

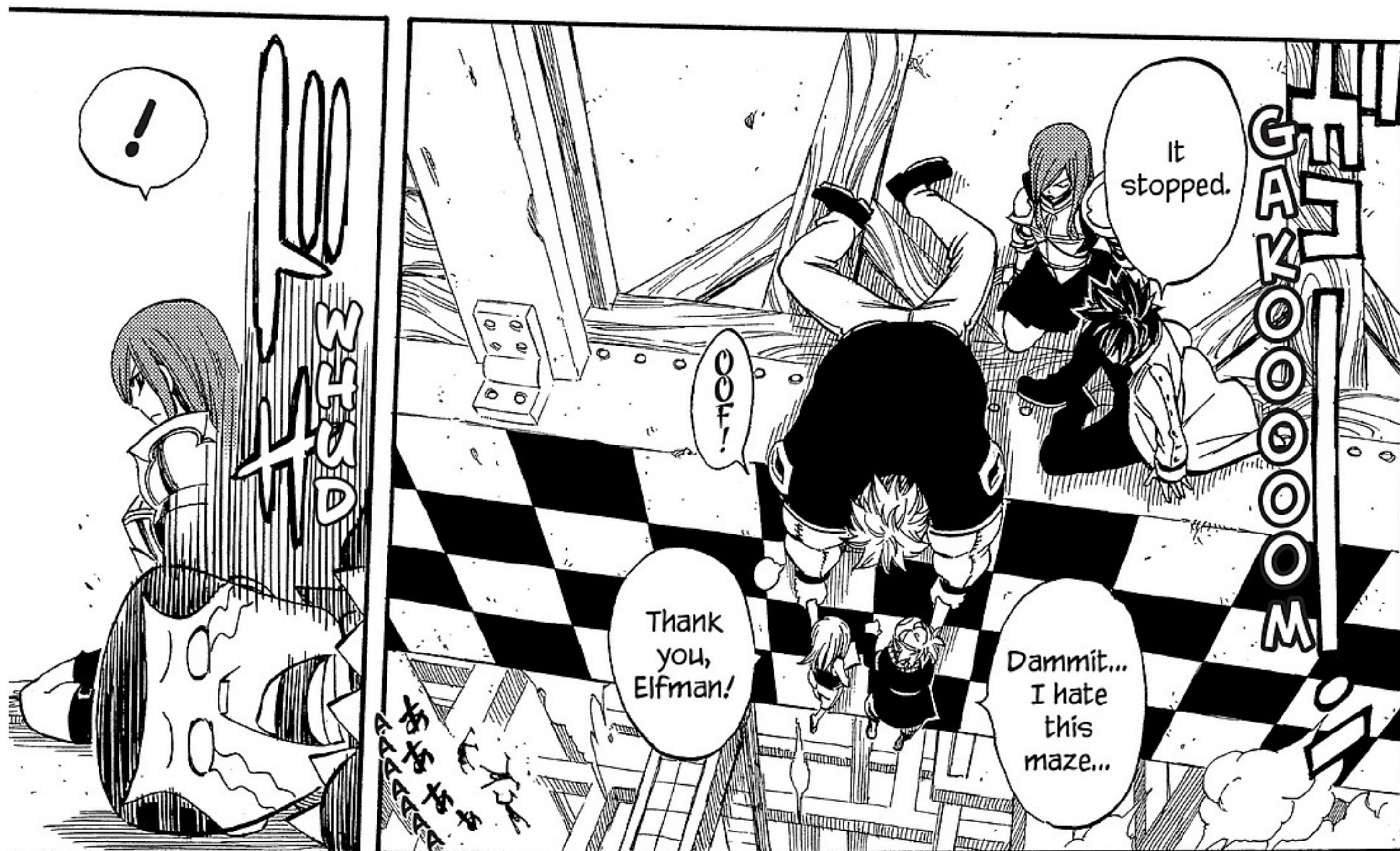
Get 'em!!!

Never thought we'd face them this early!!!



You're
in our
way!!!!







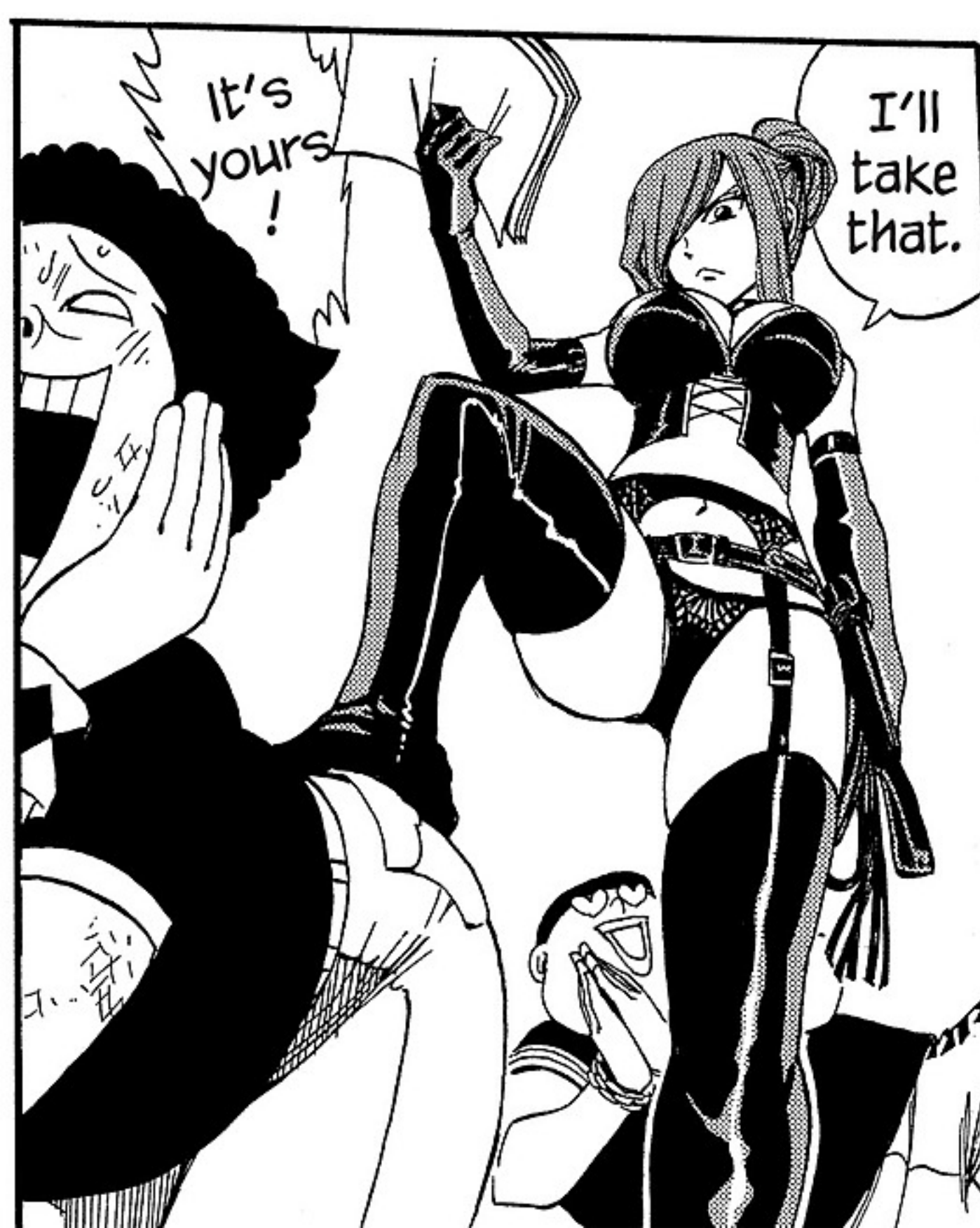
Guys,
you've all
got a scary
look in your
eyes...

That makes
sense! I think I
begin to see the
meaning behind
this preliminary
test!



This isn't a
contest, it's
war!!! This
is a *man's*
Map-Theft
Battle!!!!

Let's get
the maps
of all the
other guys
too!!!!

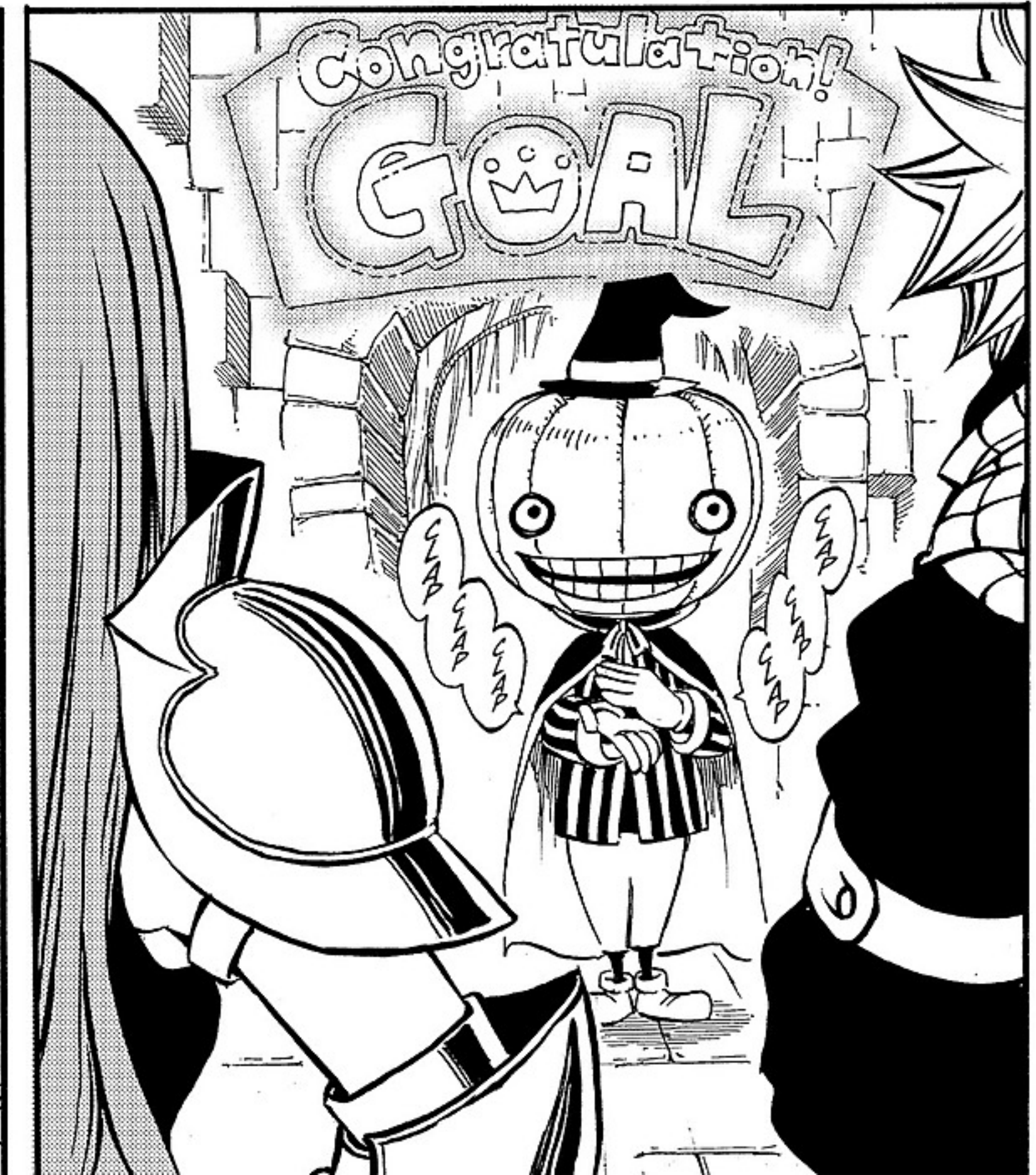


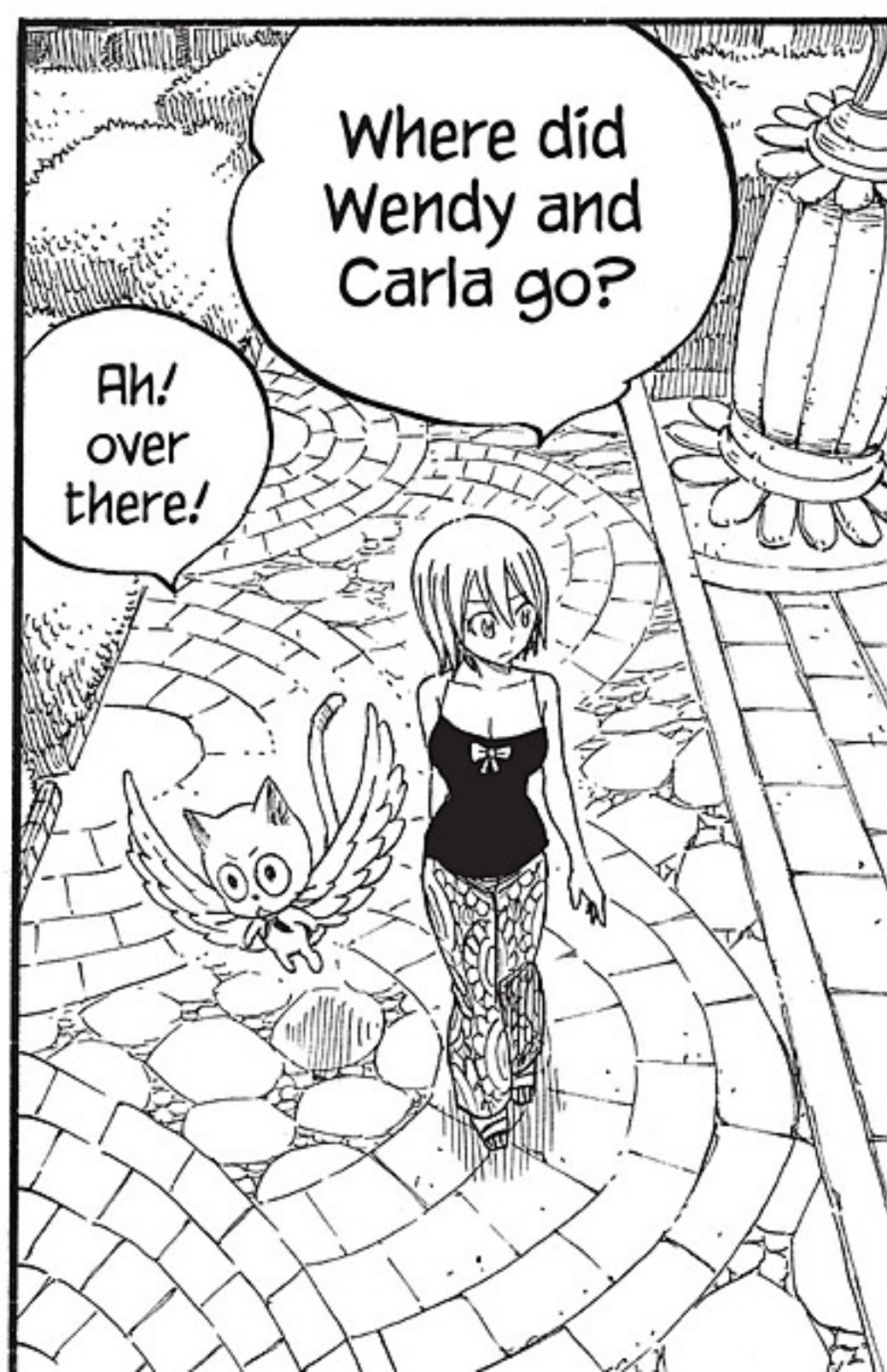
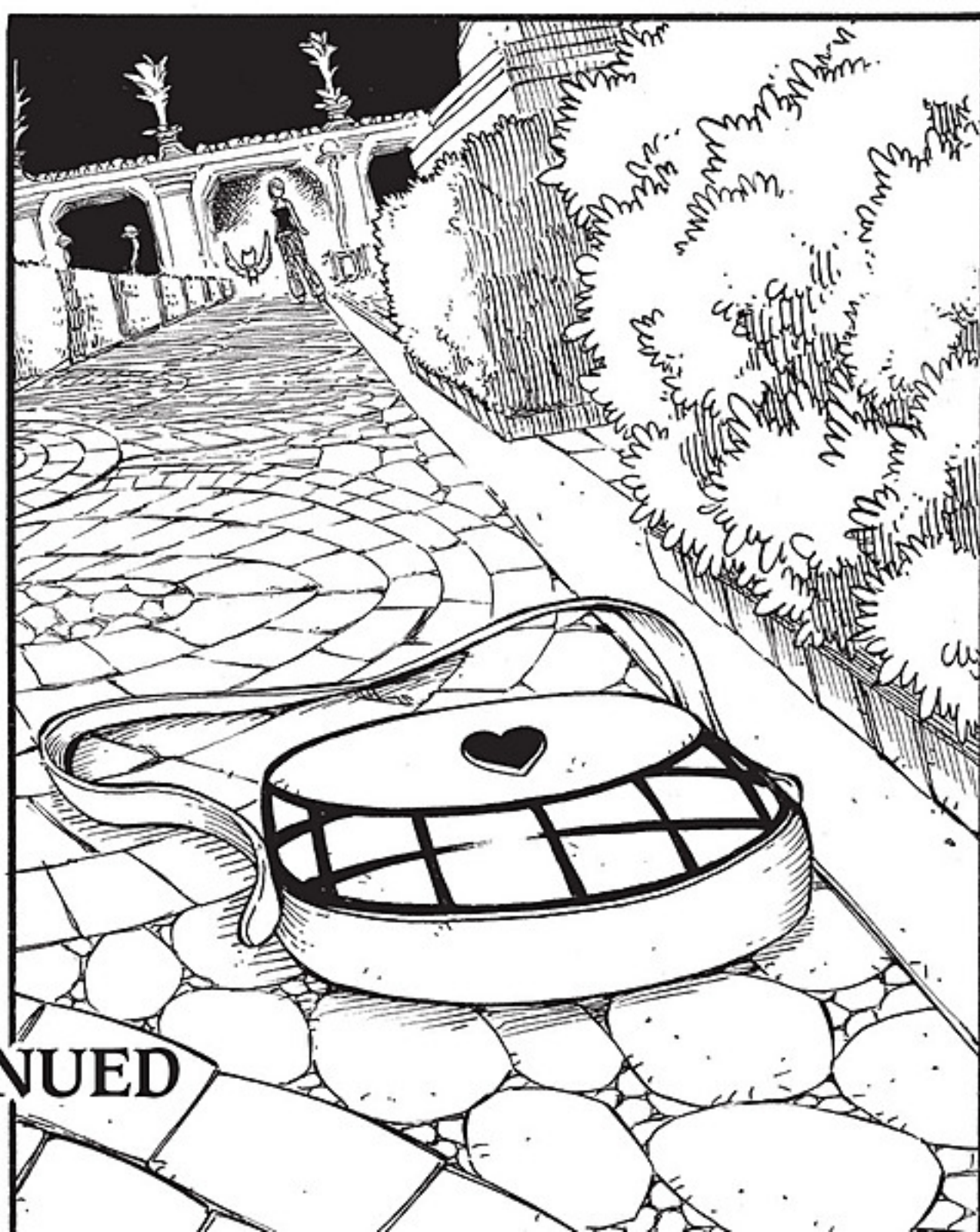
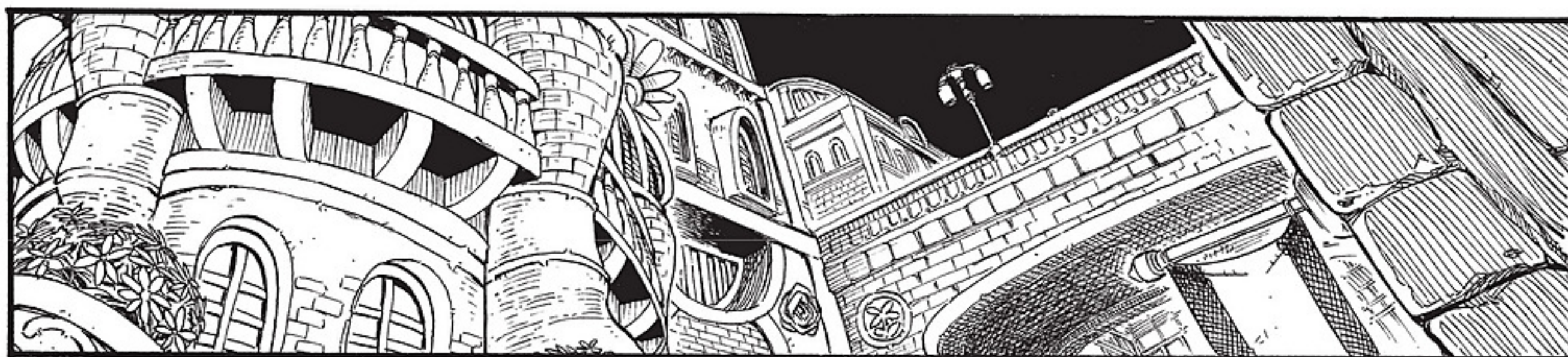
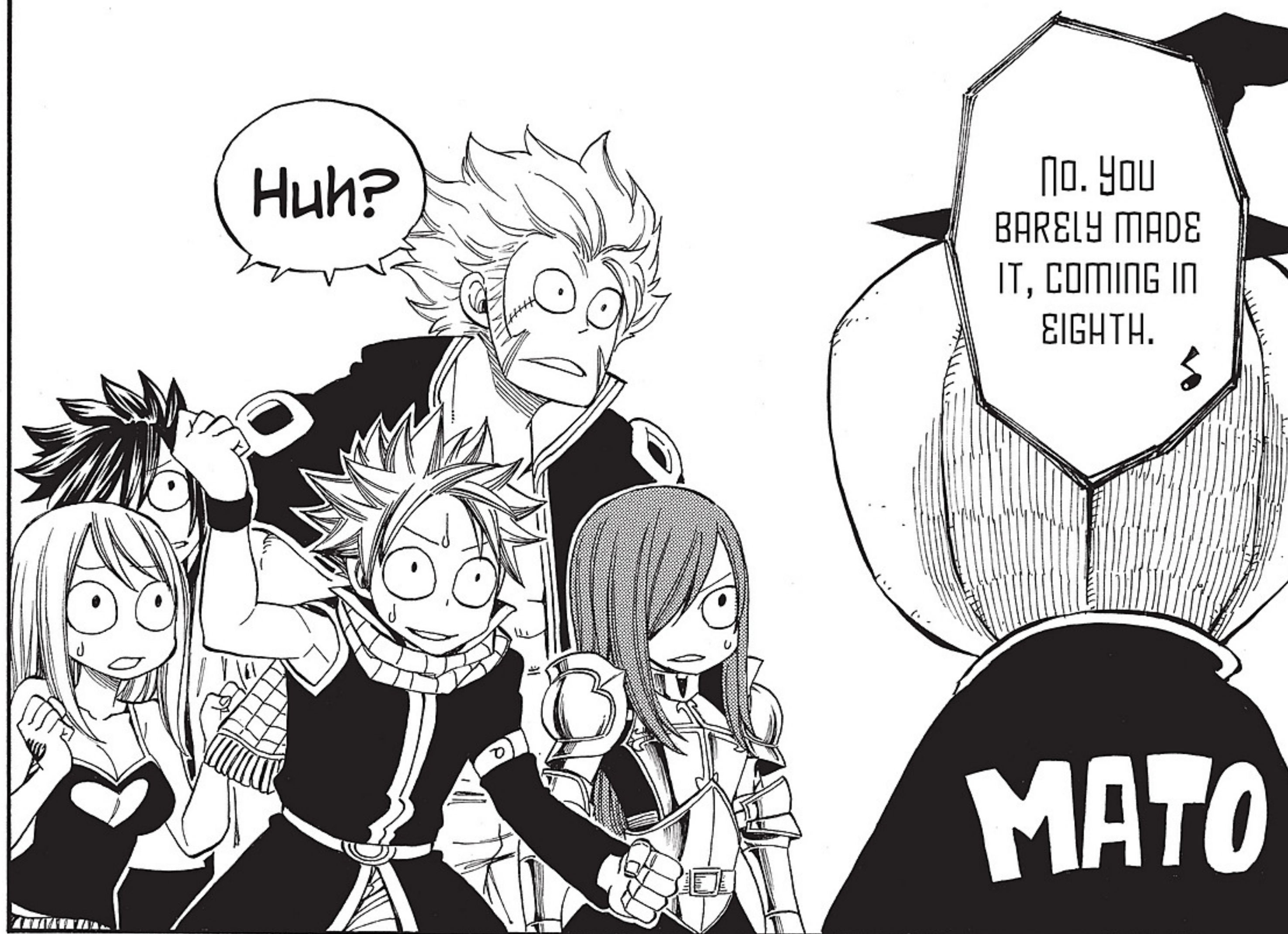
It's
yours!

I'll
take
that.



When
you're talking
battle, you're
talking our
specialty!!!!





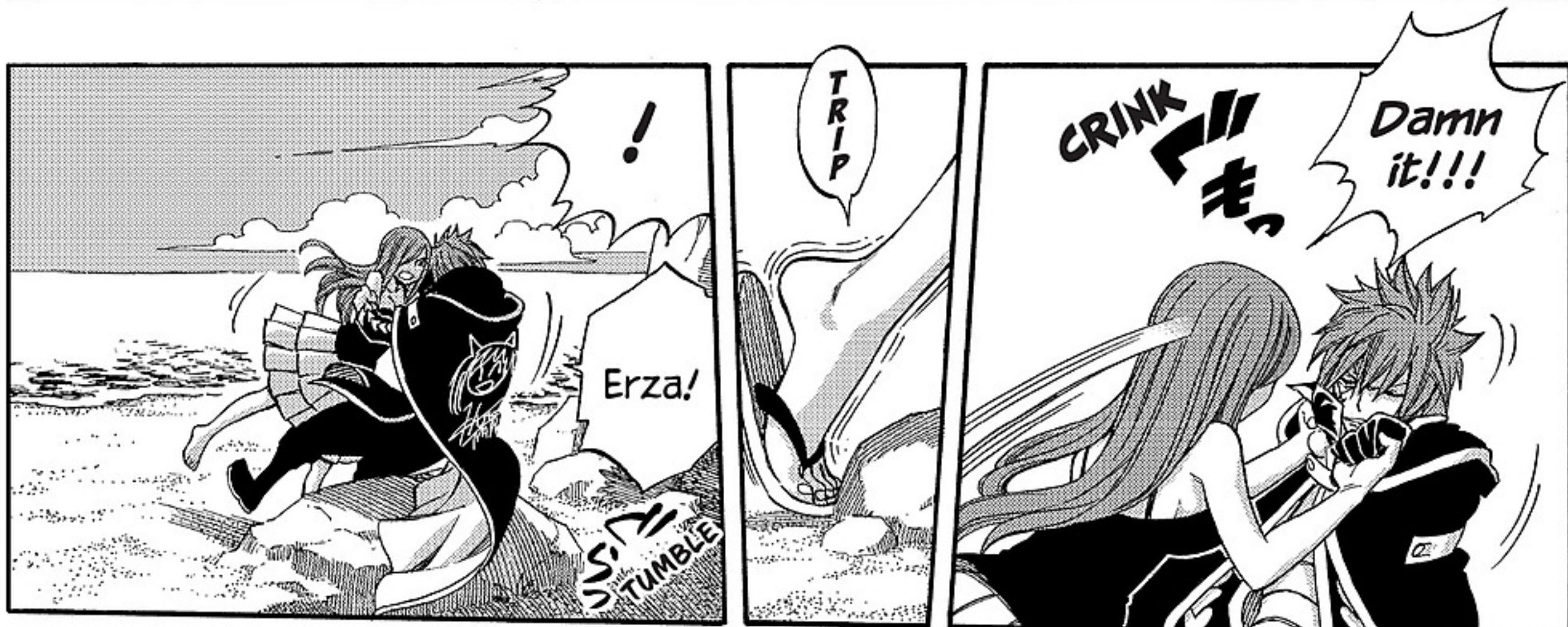
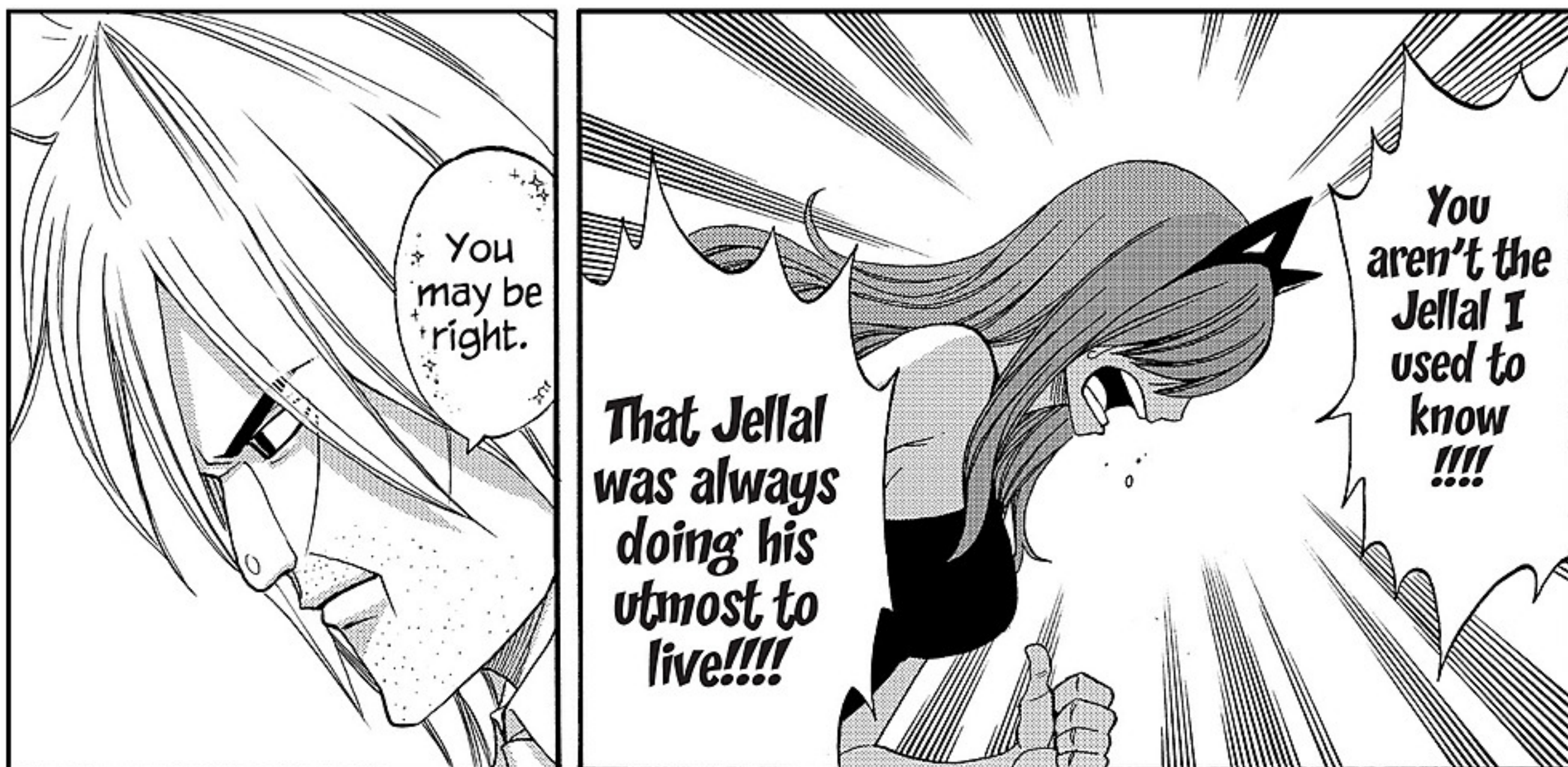
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BONUS PAGES



Spot the Differences

The drawings below look just like page 139! But when you look closer, something's different...



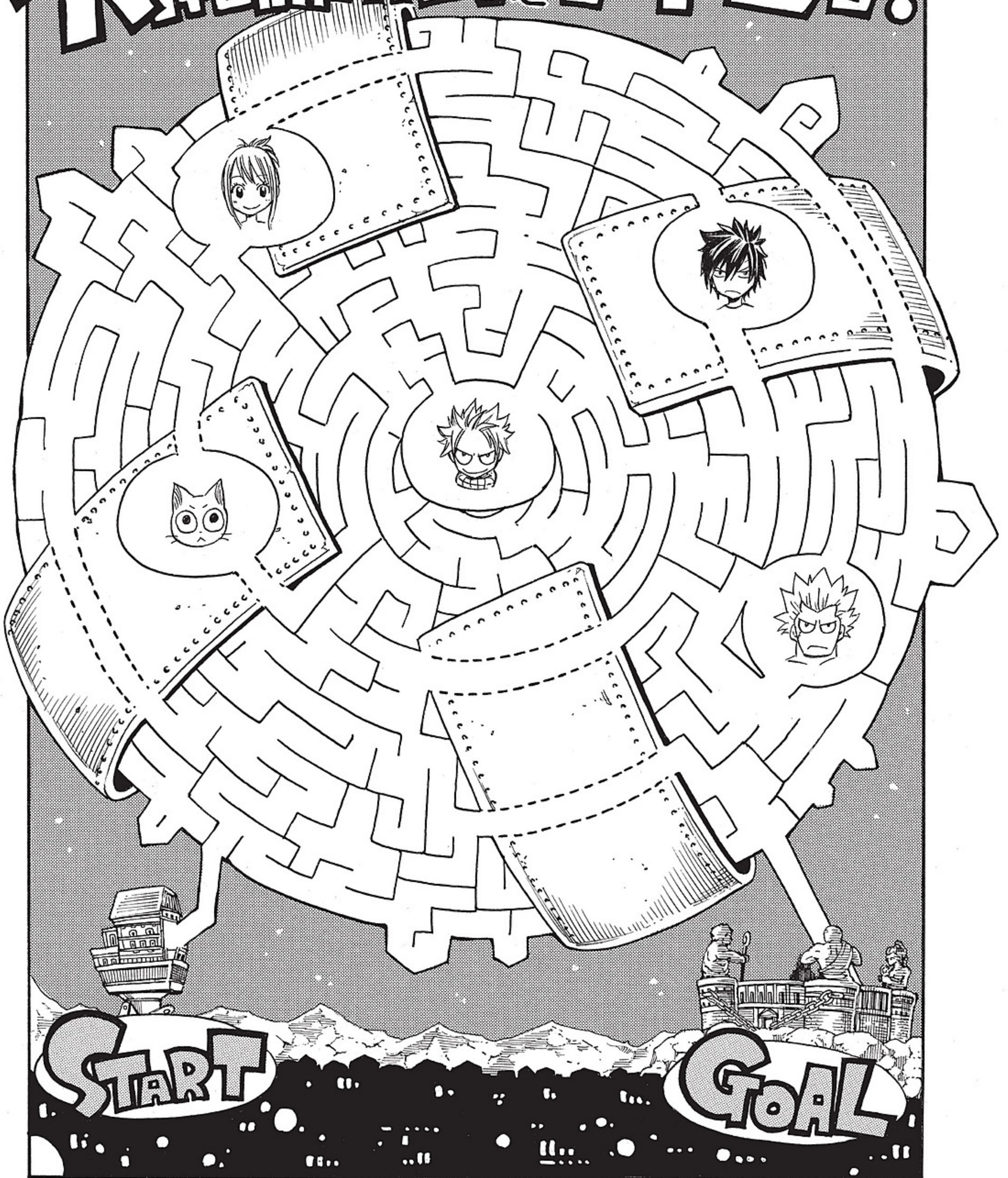
There are a total of 10 differences! Can you find them all?

Preliminary Contest

Sky Labyrinth!

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Can you make it from the Start to the Goal?

) : But I want to know about Mavis too!

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FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART



▲ Whoa! Thanks for all the Wendys!



▲ Sisters who get along really well! Gives off a nice feeling!



▲ Then what song did you like the best?



▲ Brings back memories!! But he did show up recently, huh?



▲ And really quickly, these two show up again. Merudy's grown up a lot!



▲ Thanks for doing so much drawing!



▲ Ah! I see you share an attraction to this character with Fairy Tail's director, Ishihara-san.



▲ From Happy with love.

REJECTION CORNER

There's so much to harp on, and I really don't know what's going on!



It's always those three, huh?



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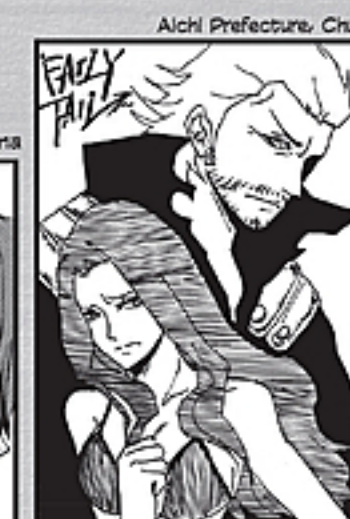
Ohh! Now that's cute!! Thanks for cheering me on!!



▲ They look good surrounded in black! Makes them look cool!



▲ What did you think when these two met again?



▲ Cana is finally able to say what she always wanted to. Great, huh?

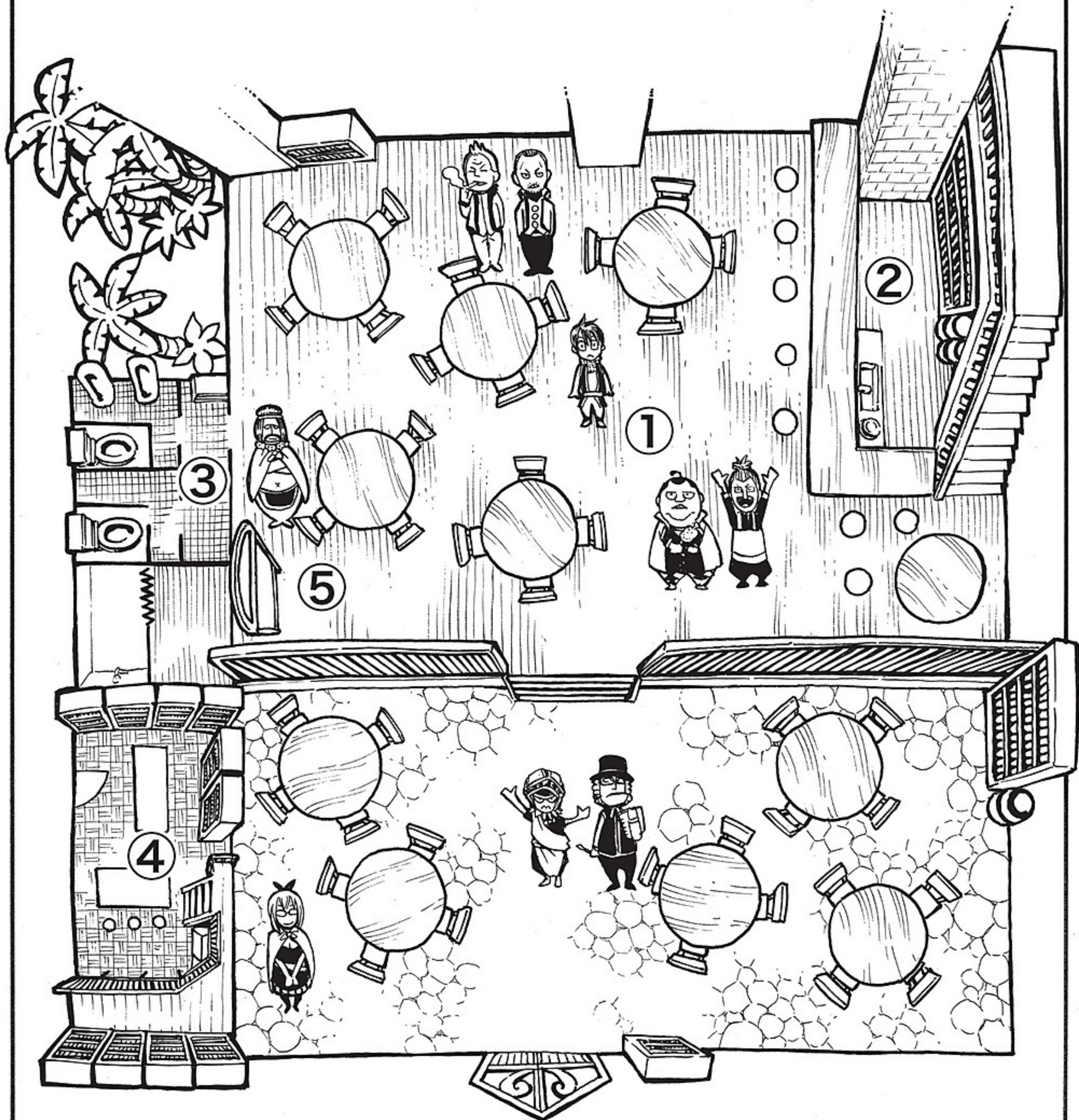


▲ Just who is Panther Lily saying, "You're so doing it," to?!

- 1) Bar Area
- 2) Bar Counter & Kitchen
- 3) Bathroom & shower
- 4) Store Room & Records Room
- 5) Request Board

GUILD REPORT

NEW FAIRTAIL



Afterword

あとがき

The Grand Magic Games!!!! A festival! A festival! Heave-ho! Heave-ho! And so, although these are the same Natsu & crew who are always putting their lives on the line in their battles, this particular series will focus on them doing battle in order to reclaim the honor of their guild. At first, I thought of the Grand Magic Games as a simple battle tournament, but that's been done so many times, I discarded that idea. (Call me perverse.)

Personally, I just love those hot plot twists, but Fairy Tail, while being a battle manga, is also about the importance of the “bonds within the guild.” If this were just battles, that would make it hard to return to that theme. Of course there *will* be battles though. There will be combinations that seem really unusual and competitions that I always wanted to see. I'm planning all sorts of fun things! And more than anything, the character count outdoes anything in Fairy Tail history so far! The contestants and other major characters bring it to over 40 characters!!!! Really, it's a struggle to draw it every week, but it's so fun to draw that “festival” feeling! Up until now, we've had battles against bad people and dark guilds, but I want this story to give you a better view of the Fairy Tail world and all the various types of guilds that are in it.

FAIRY TAIL 31



HIRO MASHIMA



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



I've got a bad feeling about this. With the Sirius Island story, I included an enormous number of characters, and really whined about drawing it. With the new storyline, I've got this really, really bad premonition. I couldn't be thinking of having, like, more than forty characters appearing, could I? I wonder if I'm going to survive this...

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 26, Frosch

Frosch is the German word for frog. It also happens to be a German brand of household cleaner with a frog logo that was introduced in Japan about a year ago. Coincidence?

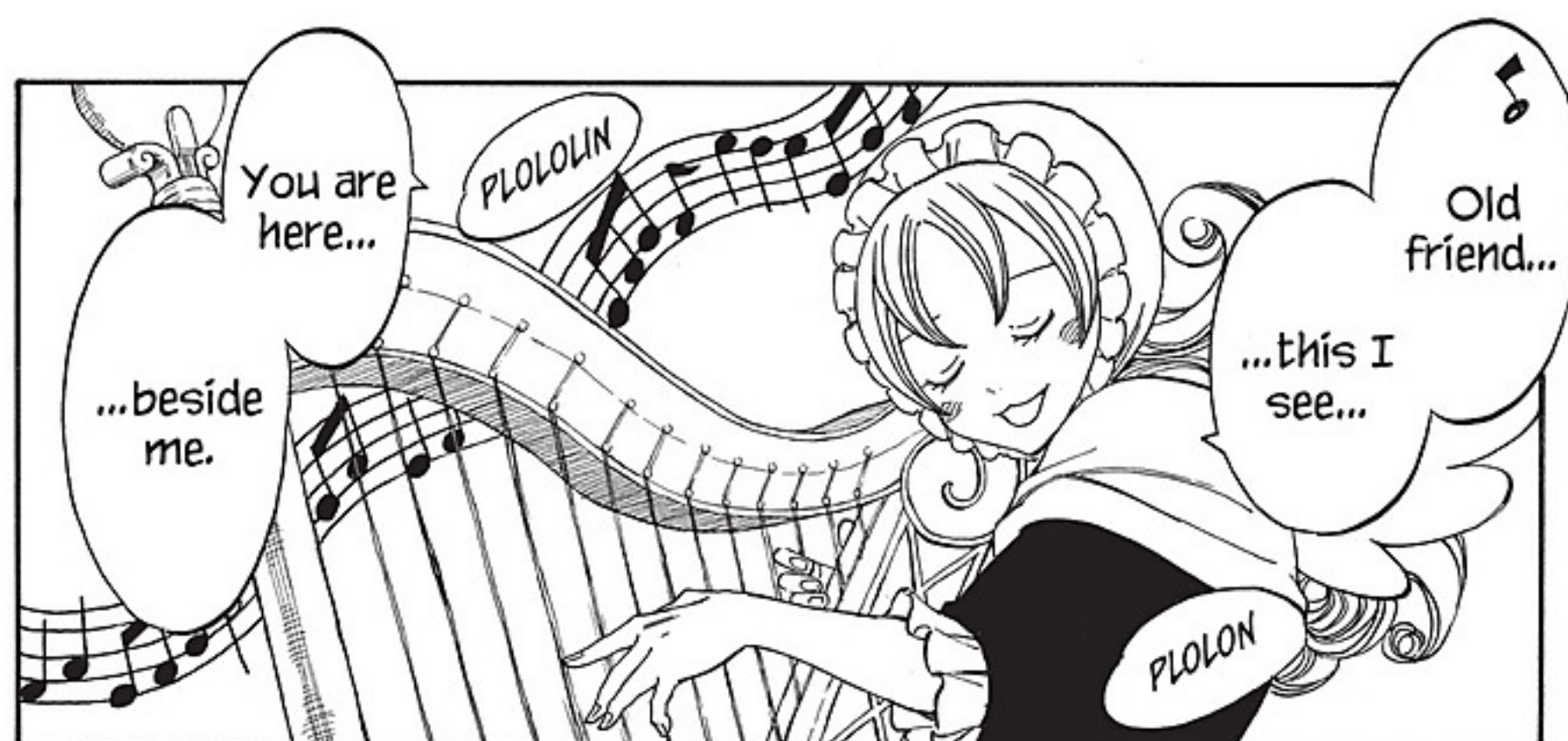
Page 76, Read this word

In the English language, it's common for words with odd spellings to be difficult to pronounce, but in Japanese, there are words made up of kanji where one does not remember (or never knew in the first place) how the word was pronounced. For those who don't know about the Japanese writing system, kanji are ideograms (pictograms look like what they describe whereas ideograms are symbols that may or may not look like what they represent) and as such don't automatically have a sound attached. In some other languages such as Chinese, each ideogram usually has only one pronunciation in any particular dialect, but in Japanese most have at least two and some have many, many more possible pronunciations. So it's not unusual for a fully educated adult to not know how an occasional word is pronounced, and it is very common for children Wendy's age to not know.



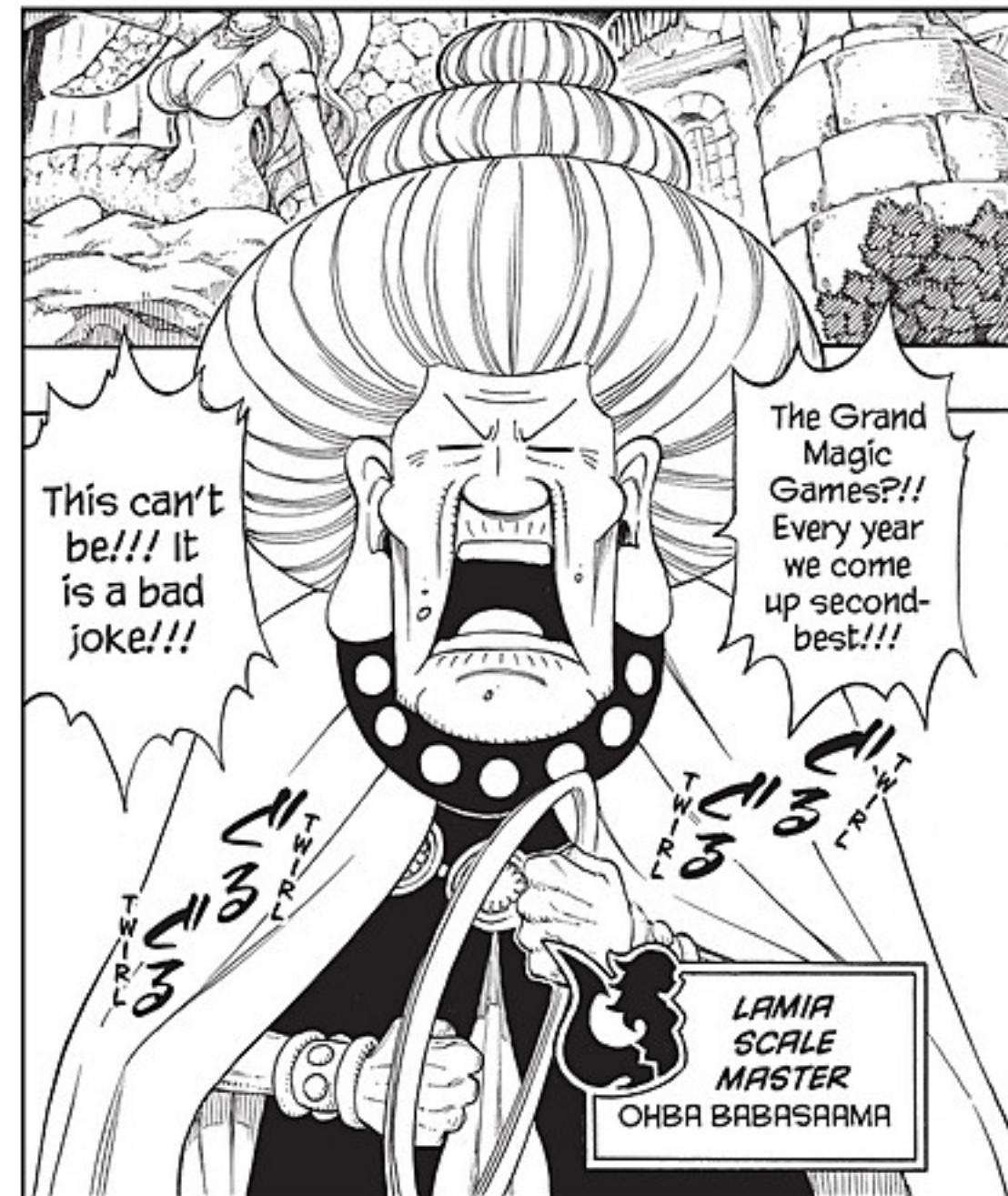
Page 104, Lyra's song

Although this translator would not blame you if you didn't think the translated English lyrics were very poetic, please rest assured that the translation of the song took no liberties with the meaning in order to add some rhymes to it. The meaning of what Lyra is singing here is almost identical to the meaning of the song in Japanese.



Page 112, Ohba Babasaama

This character is an old woman, and her name reflects it. Ohba is a word that means "grandmother," and baba is another word that means "grandmother" or "old lady." The saama is probably a nod to the -sama honorific. A little later on the same page, Lyon refers to her as "Obaba," which also means "grandmother" or "old lady."



Page 116, Punishment

The position Virgo is demonstrating in that first panel on page 116 is a torture that was found in ancient Japan. A person is bound by their hands and feet, forced to sit seiza (with their shins tucked underneath their thighs) on a grated wooden board with sharp corners sticking up, and then weights are applied to the tops of their thighs. The corners bite into the person's sensitive shins as the weights press down on them. Generally if the victim was being tortured for information, resistance was met with more weight being applied to their thighs.



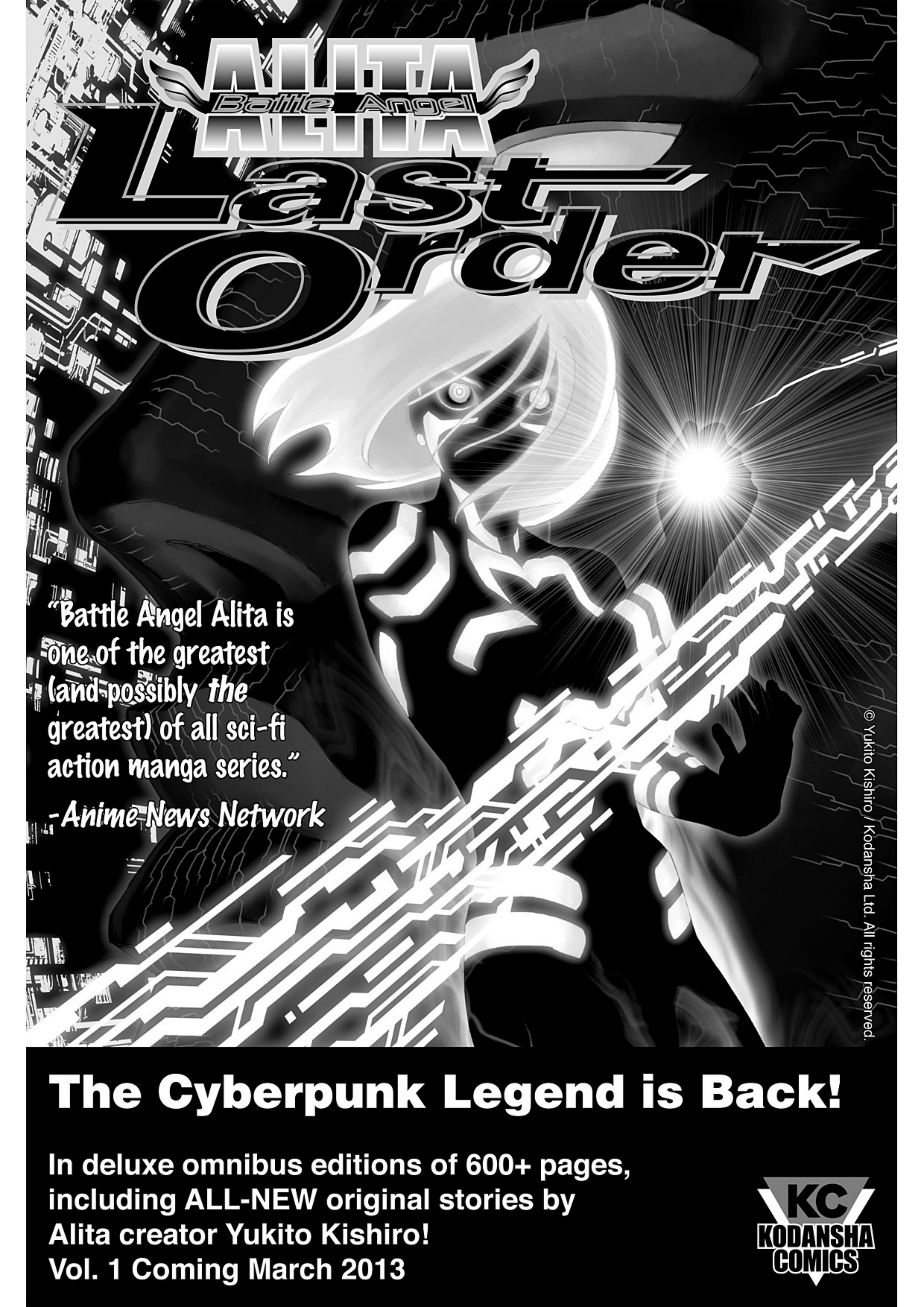
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